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▶ Toronto Maple Leafs' Luke Schenn drives Boston Bruins' Joe Corvo into the boards during third-period NHL action at the ACC last night.

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Leafs can't cool Bruins' hot streak

Milan Lucic scored twice and David Krejci added a goal and two assists for the Boston Bruins, who beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-3 last night for their 12th win in 13 games. The Leafs will soon have another shot at the Bruins — the game was the first of back-to-back meetings between the two teams. They'll go at it again in Boston on Saturday. Story, page 57.

City giving out 1,200 pink slips

Layoffs a necessary evil, says Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday ◐ He's 'sorry about the timing'

Mayor Rob Ford's administration is launching the first mass layoff in the city's modern history, kicking almost 1,200 workers off the payroll and eliminating another 1,148 vacant positions.

City staff yesterday revealed the breakdown of the positions set to disappear as part of Ford's proposed 2012 austerity budget, unveiled Monday.

Ford is proposing $88 million worth of cuts, most aimed at shedding jobs.

For city divisions, a total of 714 people — 666 union members and 48 supervisors — will receive pink slips if all the cuts are approved. A further 737 vacant positions will be eliminated.

For the city's agencies, boards and commissions, 476.5 currently filled positions are targeted — 152.5 at the Toronto Public Library and 324 at the TTC. The 411 eliminated vacant positions include 372 Toronto police uniform and management jobs.

"Driven by ideology, this mayor and his executive and budget chief want to make the city a worse and harder and more difficult place to live."
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Although the figures are tied to the 2012 budget, the Toronto Star has confirmed that a flurry of layoff notices has been issued in the past week to managers and union members who are classified as temporary and therefore lack ironclad job provisions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Bill would back gay-straight alliances

Students will be able to set up gay-straight clubs to promote tolerance in all public schools in Ontario under new anti-bullying legislation, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday in Toronto.

Some Catholic schools have banned gay-straight alliances, but McGuinty said the bill specifically allows the groups, although he noted they may be called something else.

"We're going to require that, at every school where students request that this be put in place, they be permitted to organize themselves with a gay-straight alliance," McGuinty told the legislature.

"It may not be that name that they use, but the important thing is we're going to have that kind of a supportive group there available in all our schools."

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association said it supported the intent of the anti-bullying legislation, but does not want a gay-straight alliance in its schools because of the controversy surrounding those groups.

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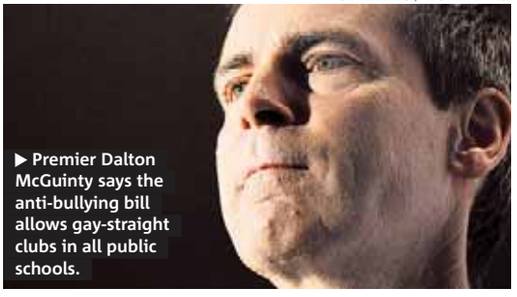

▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty says the anti-bullying bill allows gay-straight clubs in all public schools.

Foster. The People

▶ Foster The People's Mark Foster pumps up the MuchMusic studio yesterday while performing songs from the debut album Torches, a massive-selling record thanks to the chart-topping single Pumped Up Kicks.

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Music spanning many genres

Foster The People is a Los Angeles-based indie pop band composed of Mark Foster, Mark Pontius and Cubbie Fin. The band's music spans several genres, but is often described as melodic dance-infused pop and rock.

Private-public LRT debate continues

Riders fear a private partner on the Eglinton line could cost more

Mayor Rob Ford supports a public-private partnership to build the Eglinton LRT. But transit advocates worry about higher fares and more complicated commutes if the private sector ends up running the line, too.

Ford believes the TTC should get out of the construction business and focus on service delivery, his policy adviser told reporters yesterday.

"The mayor thinks the minister (of transportation) has been a quick study on the file. He's on the same wavelength," said Mark Towhey.

But former TTC vice-chair Joe Mihevc said "balkanizing" Toronto transit "will serve no one."

The comments follow a Toronto Star report that Metrolinx is considering a public-private partnership to build the $8.2 billion provincially funded Eglinton-Scarborough Crosstown LRT.

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▶ **Vancouver.** Proponents of a public-private partnership typically point to Vancouver's Canada Line, operated by SNC Lavalin, as a public-private project that was successfully integrated with the public transit system.

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Attack was random: Victim

'I was just panhandling,' said the woman, showing off a series of bruises

The victim of a vicious videotaped beating says she doesn't know why she was targeted by a group of younger women, who gleefully stomped and punched her on Yonge Street before posting the video online.

"It felt like they were dancing on my head," said the 35-year-old homeless woman, who asked that her name not be published for fear of retribution.

Two Brampton teens, both 15-year-old girls, were arrested Tuesday and charged with assault causing bodily harm in the Saturday night incident. Police are still looking for a third suspect who has been identified in the video.

Officers did not investigate immediately following the assault because the victim was not co-operative, said Const. Tony Vella. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ Driver Cam McQueen with his "ride" at the debut of Monster Truck Northern Nightmare at the Rogers Centre yesterday.

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A Northern Nightmare

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Snow washes away to a warmer December

Yesterday morning's snow in Toronto may have caught some off guard but don't worry, says David Phillips, senior climatologist at Environment Canada.

Expect warmer than normal temperatures and lower precipitation than normal in December, he said. Winter has perhaps been slow to return to Toronto, Phillips said.

"We've had temperatures in Toronto averaging this November four degrees higher than normal. This is one of the warmest falls on record."

33.5 If you think today's snow was bad, the worst snowfall ever for Nov. 30 was in 1940 when a total of 33.5 cm of snow fell at Pearson.

And while December's forecast does not spell frigid temperatures nor snowy blizzards for the most part, don't expect clear sailing, Phillips warned.

"Because we've had virtually no snow by end of November it doesn't mean it will be a quiet and tame winter." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The. Skullians

▶ The Skullians, a four-piece punk rock band from Toronto, have just started recording their follow-up album to PURE.

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Punk band back in studio

The Skullians are performing tonight at The Garrison on Dundas Street West.

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Cop docked pay for hit and run

Constable fled scene of accident on foot after crash in personal vehicle

Toronto Const. Sean McGuinness has been docked 12 days' pay after three misconduct charges, including fleeing the scene of an accident, insubordination for sleeping in and missing two hours work, and neglect of duty for not making entries in his notebook for several days after the accident, which happened Sept. 25, 2009.

The 22-year veteran of the force had finished his shift and attended a social function.

While driving home at about 3 a.m., he dropped his cellphone to the floor and went to pick it up. In the process, he rammed a vehicle from behind at a red light. There was no evidence to indicate he had an excessive amount of alcohol in his body. The disciplinary hearing was told the officer had an anxiety attack and fled on foot. He did not report the incident to police. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Taxi driver Tesfamicael Tewelde poses with one of Beck Taxi's 100 designated 'stache-cabs' in support of Movember.

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'Stache-cabs' finish job

Selected Beck Taxi drivers pledged to grow mos and had moustache decals placed on their vehicle hoods in support of the popular movement. Beck has announced it will donate $5,000 to Prostate Cancer Canada for their efforts.

Canada among least corrupt, group says

Canada is among the least corrupt countries in the world, albeit the halo has slipped a bit, says Transparency International, an organization dedicated to leading the global fight against corruption.

The group's 2011 Corruption Perceptions Index released yesterday shows Canada ranks 10th — down from sixth spot last year — of the 183 countries surveyed. The organization defines corruption as the abuse of public resources, bribery and secretive decision-making. New Zealand ranked first.

"I think it is a good thing that we haven't slipped significantly," said Jim Klotz, president and chairman of Transparency International Canada.

Klotz said more cases of corruption in Canada were revealed in the past year, including the case of Calgary oil and gas company, Niko Resources, paying nearly $9.5 million in fines and penalties after admitting that it bribed a Bangladeshi government minister.

"There have been no prosecutions for international corruption in Canada up until this past year for all intents and purposes … so I wasn't surprised that Canada didn't go up in the rankings," Klotz told the Toronto Star yesterday.

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183 The corruption index scores 183 countries and territories from 0 (highly corrupt) to 10 (very clean) based on perceived levels of public sector corruption.

Delays for some GO commuters

Freight trains and equipment problems resulted in delays for some GO Transit commuters yesterday morning.

The Hamilton 6:12 GO train arrived at Union Station seven minutes late due to freight train traffic.

And that earlier freight train traffic delayed the eastbound 7:28 train out of Union by about eight minutes.

Equipment problems caused delays on a couple of GO bus routes.

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Food fans flock to the Gardens

- Customers line up as Loblaw opens upscale store
- Company pays homage to building's hockey past

They were lined up 300 deep before the store opened at 8 a.m.

Fans of Maple Leaf Gardens and Loblaws came to see how Canada's most famous hockey arena looked now that it's home to the supermarket chain's newest urban grocery store.

They came from outside the city, from places like Malton, or from Toronto neighbourhoods, like Forest Hill and Riverdale. Ordinary citizens, hockey players and local politicians were among the first customers.

They weren't disappointed.

The store, with its soaring ceilings, blond wood, grey concrete and black tiles, forms a hip urban backdrop to a smorgasbord of fresh and prepared food the company hopes will cement its reputation as a leader in food retailing.

"I saw games here. This has great memories for me. I'm really happy they left a big historical site."
MIKE SEIDEN, LEAFS FAN

"The Loblaw store you're about to shop, in our judgment, re-imagines a large urban supermarket at once recognizing the diversity of the neighbourhood that surrounds it and the national significance of the site," Loblaw executive chairman Galen Weston said just prior to the opening.

The store pays homage to its past as Canada's best known hockey arena, from the original lights, exposed brick and Maple Leaf-shaped wall sculpture in the atrium made from arena seats to the red dot on the floor in aisle 25 that marks centre ice.

But it's also Loblaw's biggest bet on its future since Weston took over from his father, W. Galen Weston, five years ago. And by all accounts, he has a hit on his hands.

Riverdale residents Paula Firmino and Reg McLean stopped to congratulate Weston on the store and get their picture taken with him.

"After all the hype I wanted to see what it was really like. I love it. What they've done here is make it an experience to shop," Firmino said.

"There was such a shortage of grocery stores downtown for many years. Now, with all the condos being built, it's nice to have a place to walk to and shop, other than those tiny little places everywhere where everything is very expensive and you don't get much of a selection," McLean added.

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What you can expect

Some of the store's features, such as its in-house executive chef and kitchen, will be unique to the Gardens location, said Jane Marshall, executive vice-president of Loblaw Properties division.

The kitchen serves the "Canteen," which serves "prêt-a-manger" style fresh ready-made sandwiches and salads.

The store features a sushi bar run by its subsidiary T&T Supermarkets, an Asian food chain.

"The layout endeavours to understand that today's hurried urban shopper visits a store at different times with different needs. Sometimes looking to get in and out quickly with a delicious hot meal. At other times to complete the full monthly pantry load at great value," Loblaw chief Galen Weston said.

The store serves a potential market of about 100,000 people, who live in the area, and another 25,000 to 30,000 workers in the surrounding office towers and retail outlets, Marshall said.

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▶ Loblaw chief Galen Weston greets customers in the produce section. A huge crowd gathered hours before the opening of the new flagship store at the former Maple Leaf Gardens to tour the facility and make use of the bargains and free samples.

▶ The cafe hosts a collage of Leafs past, as well as seating from the old arena. It's one of many homages to the old Gardens including some of the old seats in both a sculpture and in the cafe, posters and murals, as well as a marker to the old centre ice in aisle 25.

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Another school ban 'lulu'

First it was playground balls, and then it was kilts. Now another Ontario school has joined the bandwagon of proposed bans by saying no to tight-fitting Lululemon yoga pants.

Some students at St. Joseph Catholic High School in Ottawa have kept wearing the yoga pants, even after the school told them this week they do not meet its dress code.

Students turned to Facebook in their campaign, urging classmates to keep wearing the pants, and they have collected more than 250 signatures on their "Save Lulus" petition.

The Ottawa Catholic School Board is quick to say they are just reinforcing its dress code. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MPP wants end to cell fee 'gouging'

The days of consumers being ambushed by hidden or exorbitant fees for cancelled cellular services could soon be numbered.

Liberal MPP David Orazietti is pushing private member's legislation today that would give Ontarians the greatest protection against phone company "price gouging" in Canada.

"It would dramatically reduce the cancellation fees, which are excessive," Orazietti (Sault Ste. Marie) said yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Affair likely 'sexpionage'

Access to G8, G20, NATO, NORAD make Canada a major target for China, former spy says

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▶ Foreign Affairs parliamentary secretary Bob Dechert seen with Xinhua reporter Shi Rong in this file photo.

The Conservative government should have been more concerned when one of its MPs was exposed having a relationship with a reporter for China's state news agency, says a defector from the country's spy service.

Li Fengzhi, a former agent with China's Ministry of State Security, says politicians like Foreign Affairs parliamentary secretary Bob Dechert are a top target of Chinese spies keen on learning about Canadian secrets or grooming advocates for Beijing in Canada's corridors of power.

Dechert's affair with Toronto-based Xinhua reporter Shi Rong was revealed when someone hijacked her email account and forwarded a series of intimate messages she received from the Mississauga politician in the spring and summer of 2010. The leak was traced back to an apparent domestic dispute with Shi's husband.

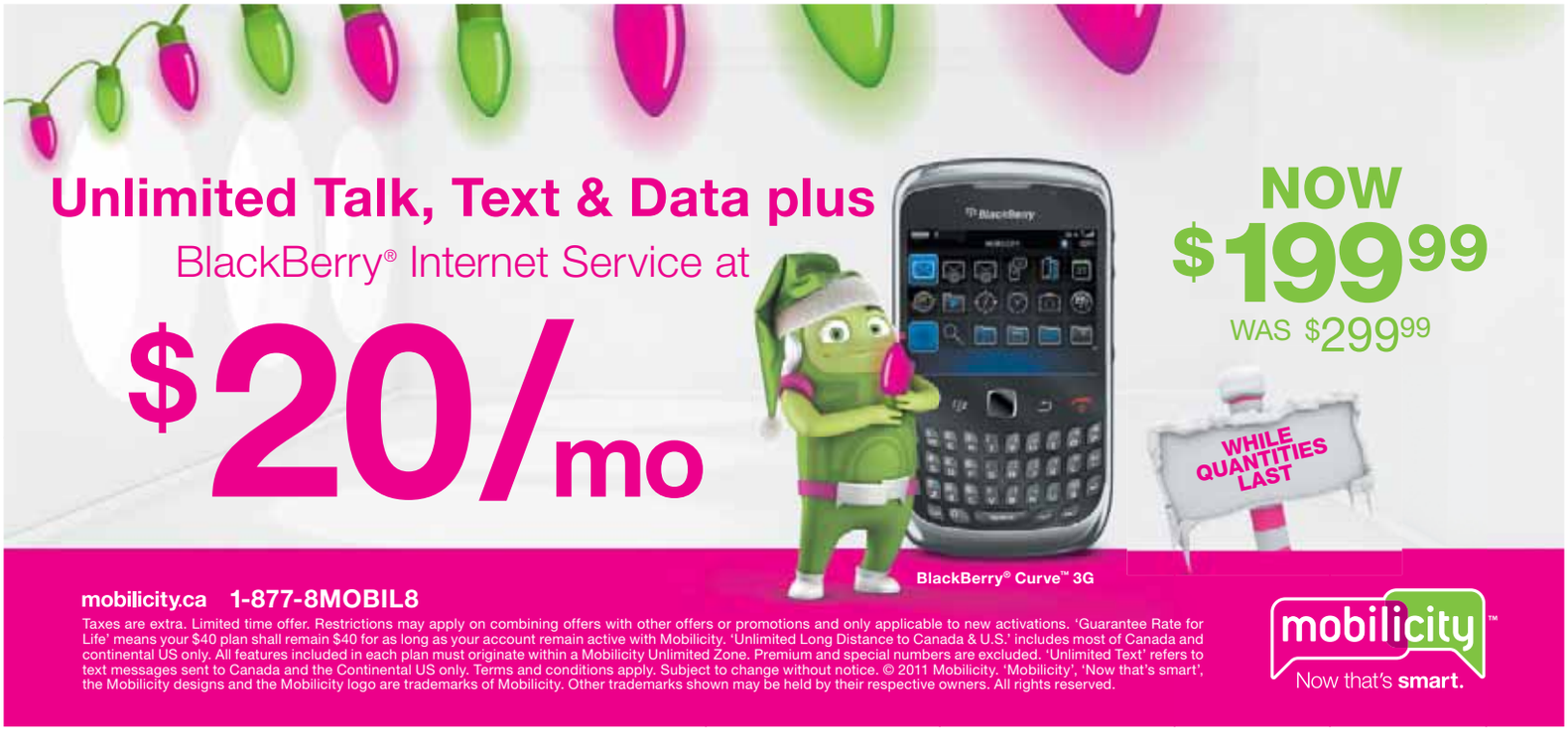
Li, who defected to the United States in 2003 and is now believed to be working for the Central Intelligence Agency, was speaking to a high-level conference on espionage through video link near Ottawa. For security reasons, his location was not disclosed.

He said it is not possible to say with certainty that a Xinhua reporter is providing intelligence back to the country's political masters in Beijing, but the act of striking up a relationship with an elected official fits the modus operandi of Chinese spies.

"That's the normal way to get the job done," he said.

Shi was called back to China when the relationship hit the news, which is another reason to be suspicious, Li said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"If the lady was called back to China very soon, I think it's possible she has some relationship with the security services — even if she's not an official agent." LI FENGZHI



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Israel to resume cash flow to Palestinians

Palestinian Authority relies on tax funds, foreign aid to pay salaries of some 150,000 civil servants

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▶ Benjamin Netanyahu

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's government narrowly dodged a full-blown financial crisis after Israel agreed yesterday — under intense international pressure — to resume the transfer of $100 million a month in frozen tax funds.

The episode illustrated the fragile economic foundations of Abbas's West Bank-based Palestinian Authority and the broad international consensus that it needs to keep functioning, especially at a time of diplomatic deadlock.

Israeli-Palestinian talks on the terms of a Palestinian state seem unlikely to resume before next year's U.S. presidential election and an Israeli vote, possibly in 2013.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu suggested he might stop the monthly transfers again if the Palestinians take more steps to bypass negotiations and seek United Nations recognition of a state of Palestine. That could embroil Netanyahu in another embarrassing political zigzag.

Netanyahu decided only a month ago to freeze the transfers in retaliation for the Palestinians' successful quest to join UNESCO, as part of their recognition bid. Netanyahu reversed himself and agreed to the cash transfers under what a Western diplomat said was "massive" pressure.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki said the government will keep pushing for full UN membership. But there were hints that Abbas may put the bid on hold at least until the end of January, to allow another mediation effort by the United States, the UN, the European Union and Russia to play out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Activists burn an effigy representing Foreign Direct Investment during a protest in Jammu, India, yesterday.

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Indian protesters reject foreign retailers

Protesters are angry about a government decision last week to let foreign retailers own up to 51 per cent of supermarkets and 100 per cent of single-brand stores. Parties across the spectrum are demanding its immediate revocation.

Huge wage hikes for Emirates workers

The United Arab Emirates is boosting government salaries by 35 per cent and offering citizens perks to mark its 40th anniversary. The U.A.E. has not experienced the mass uprisings of the Arab Spring, and the huge raises appear in part to be an attempt by the government to keep it that way. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Shamed in 'his' jail

Prison was named after ex-sheriff
Now he's there in meth-sex case

A well-respected former Colorado sheriff was being held yesterday in the Patrick J. Sullivan Jr. Detention Facility in Arapahoe County.

His name: Patrick J. Sullivan Jr.

Sullivan, 68, was detained on a half-million-dollar bond in the jail named in his honour.

He is suspected of offering methamphetamine in exchange for sex from a male acquaintance.

Arapahoe County chief judge William Sylvester yesterday doubled Sullivan's bond. His attorney protested the increase because no charges have been filed.

Sullivan appeared in court dressed in an orange jail uniform. He walked with a cane and had handcuffs on his wrists that were attached to a chain around his waist.

Police say they learned from two informants that Sullivan was dealing meth but would sell it only if they had sex with him. He was arrested after police set up a sting at a home.

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Career highs

- In 2002, Sullivan was praised in the congressional record on his retirement.
- Sullivan was cited for promoting homeland security, for being named Sheriff of the Year by the National Sheriff's Association in 2001, and for his work in Colorado's George W. Bush for President committee.

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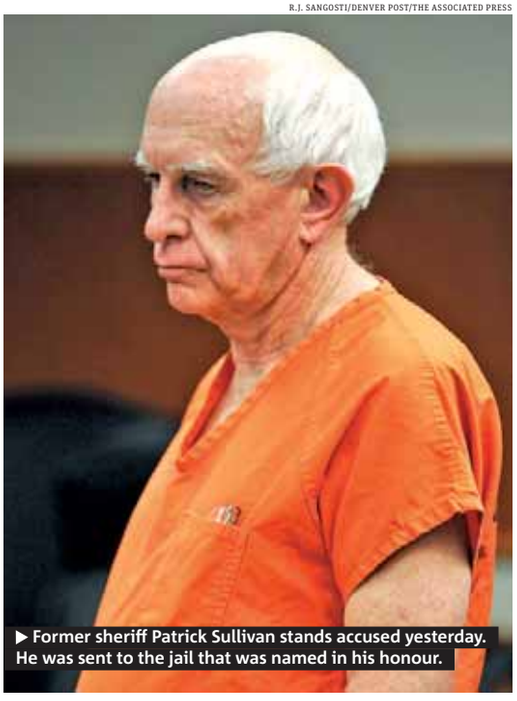

▶ Former sheriff Patrick Sullivan stands accused yesterday. He was sent to the jail that was named in his honour.

10 PEOPLE HELD

Anti-mafia crackdown nets judge

An Italian judge, politician and police official are among 10 people detained in a crackdown on the 'Ndrangheta crime syndicate.

Milan prosecutors said the investigation was conducted jointly by anti-mafia authorities in Milan and southern Reggio Calabria.

Last year, a major investigation that netted some 300 arrests showed the 'Ndrangheta wasn't just a southern association of clans, but rather a structured organization that had infiltrated itself into northern Italy's political and financial worlds.

Among those arrested yesterday was Judge Giuseppe Giglio of Reggio Calabria, accused of corruption, revealing office secrets and helping his wife get a job.

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Taxpayers file bags of snakes

Two farmers fed up with alleged bribery demands emptied three bags filled with snakes in a busy tax office in northern India.

The 40 or so snakes — including at least four deadly cobras — sent people climbing atop tables and scurrying out the door in Basti, about 300 kilometres southeast of Lucknow.

"Snakes started climbing up the tables and chairs," said an official, Ramsukh Sharma. "There was total chaos."

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‘Last dictator’ ad causes stir

Youth loyal to Zimbabwe’s president call for boycott of restaurant chain

A militant youth group in Zimbabwe is calling for South-Africa based Nando’s restaurant chain to withdraw an ad that depicts president Robert Mugabe as “the last dictator standing,” state radio reported.

The radio on Tuesday quoted the head of the group threatening a boycott over the ad that shows Mugabe dining alone at Christmas, his table set for departed dictators including Moammar Gadhafi.

It portrays him and Gadhafi engaging in a water-pistol fight, making sand angels with Iraq’s Saddam Hussein and singing karaoke with Chairman Mao.

It is an offence under Zimbabwe law to insult Mugabe or undermine the authority of his office.

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Terminator-style lenses nearer reality

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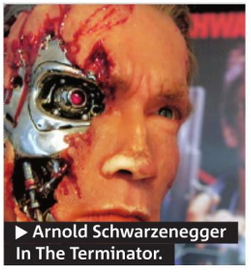
▶ Arnold Schwarzenegger In The Terminator.

“Wearable computing,” or a contact lens implanted with biosensors that could send and receive emails, has taken an important step to reality.

Engineers and doctors have successfully implanted a “wirelessly powered contact lens display” in live, anesthetized rabbits, lead researcher Dr. Babak Parviz said.

“The significance of the study is the first demonstration of an operation on a live eye and also the first demonstration of a technology that might help in bringing the image into focus,” Parviz told the Star.

The technology for the Terminator-like vision enhancement included an antenna, a radio-integrated circuit, metal interconnects, insulation layers and a sapphire chip with a custom-designed microlight emitting diode.

While multiple pixels open up a world of sending and receiving emails and text messages or even receiving GPS data, a single controllable pixel could be used “in gaming, training or giving warnings to the hearing impaired,” said Parviz.

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Twins of missing mom return to dad

A judge has ruled that twins of a Florida mother missing after a television appearance must be returned to their father — who is the prime suspect in the woman’s disappearance.

The judge ruled yesterday that the twins face no imminent danger in the custody of 40-year-old Dale Smith. He is the focus of detectives’ investigation into the disappearance of his ex-fiancée, 33-year-old Michelle Parker, who went missing the same day an episode of “The People’s Court” aired featuring her and Smith.

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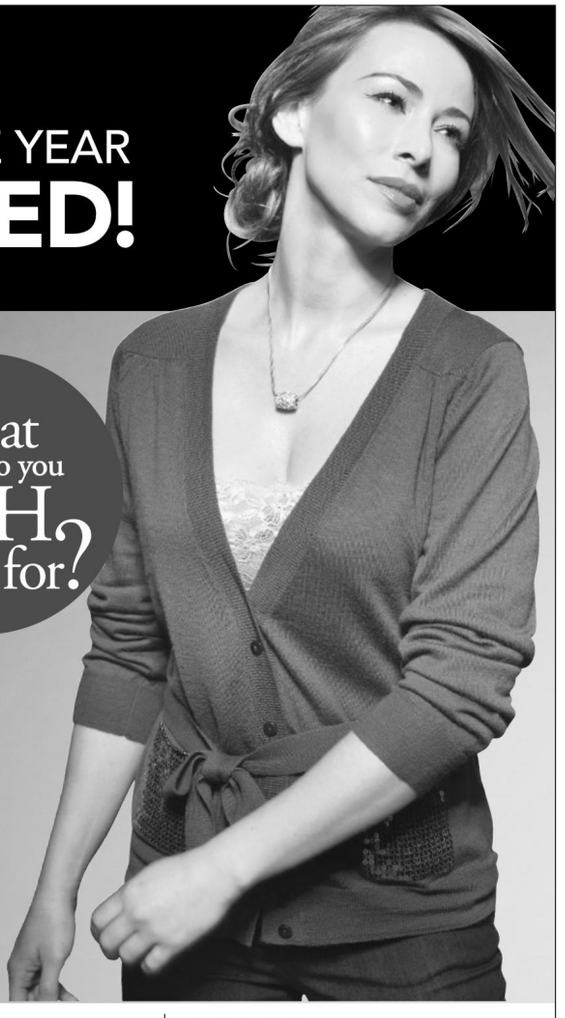

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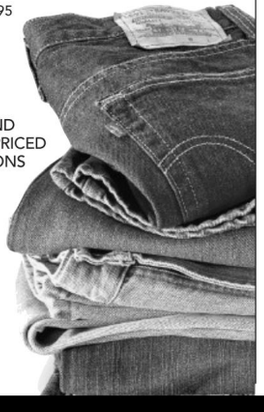

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AIDS was the major domestic public-health crisis of the '80s and '90s More recently, as medical research has provided longer and better lives to sufferers, the disease is no longer seen in this country as a certain death sentence Today, World AIDS Day, Metro takes stock of how far — and in what direction – we've come

HIV up among women, youth

World AIDS DAY '11

Men may make up the largest group of new HIV infections in Canada, but recent findings point to new demographics whose infection rates are on the rise: Youth and women.

Thirty per cent of females diagnosed with HIV are between the ages of 15-19, up 16 per cent from 1996, says a report by the Public Health Agency in Canada.

Since 1985, youth between the ages of 15-29 have accounted for 26.5 per cent of new HIV cases.

These numbers prompted the Canadian AIDS Society to launch a month-long awareness campaign, called Get Out And Do Something, which targets youth.

"It was designed for youth because we are seeing a complacency," said Monique Doolittle-Ramas, executive director of the Canadian AIDS Society.

"(Many youth) actually thought the (AIDS) treatment was a cure."

She said part of the problem is that the issue isn't in their face.

"You can't look at somebody and say, 'This person has HIV.' (But) it's in every community, every neighbourhood."

Doolittle-Ramas said many people don't realize that women represented 26 per cent of positive HIV tests in 2008.

Despite that, young girls are often schooled to use condoms to prevent pregnancy and STIs but not necessarily HIV.

"We need to be comfortable having that discussion and I'm not sure we are," she said.

Andre Ceranto, a co-ordinator at AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), said some women are contracting the illness from their monogamous partners.

"Asking serious questions such as 'Have you been tested for HIV?' remains a taboo subject even in relationships," he said.

Dr. Even Wood, co-director of the Addiction and Urban Health Research Initiative at the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, says Canada's drug laws are fuelling an increase of HIV transmission among young women.

"(Jail) ... drives vulnerable groups to the margins of society, where HIV is more likely to spread," he said.

Doolittle-Ramas said she doesn't think Canadians realize that 65,000 people in this country are living with HIV-AIDS.

"It's a discussion we have to have," she said. "Unfortunately it does not lead in media stories any longer, so we have a big job to get the information out."

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Local stats

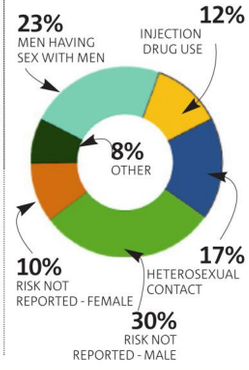
- Toronto has more HIV and AIDS cases than ever before, with an estimated one in 120 adults in the city now HIV-positive.
- In all of Ontario, the number of people living with HIV-AIDS grew by 31 per cent between 2003 and 2008 and that number continues to expand.

Distinction

- **HIV.** Human immunodeficiency virus is transmitted through sexual fluids or blood. The virus affects the immune system and inhibits its ability to fight off infection. HIV can develop into AIDS within an average of ten years.
- **AIDS.** Acquired immune deficiency syndrome is diagnosed when a person's white-blood-cell count drops below 200 (the average is between 600 and 1,200). The immune system becomes severely weakened and is no longer able to fight off infection.

Risk analysis

Among those who have tested positive for HIV in Canada, the following behaviours were reported:



In Toronto

Two people are newly infected with HIV every day, with increasing rates of infection being seen among youths, according to a report released this week by Casey House, a local outreach centre.

A possible factor: more than half of Canadian Grade 9 students don't know that HIV-AIDS has no cure, according to a study conducted in 2009 among Toronto teens.

Youth HIV-infection rates have held steady recently — with 25 per cent of new diagnoses among people under 30 — but the high rate of reported STIs in youth suggests a high rate of risky behaviour.

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Your tweets

Are today's youth better or worse educated on HIV? Does online access influence that?

- **@SueNDN:** not educated enough!! talked to a public health nurse who said 5 diagnoses were made in one wk w teens and hiv :(
- **SurviveNGrind courtney smith:** @metrotoronto I find that the internet doesn't censor certain things and gives negative exposure to the youth, a lot of access to porn i.e

Does where people meet these days have any bearing on safe sex (stranger in a bar vs. a stranger online)?

- **@Clj1965 :** @metrohalifax both a bad idea
- **@donnaleaelliott:** @metrotoronto I think ppl think the internet dating scene is safe,some ppl talk for weeks b4 meeting in real life so they think it's safer.

What has changed with regard to HIV-AIDS in the last 20 years? Perceptions, prevention or other? Let us know what you think!

- **@Sarb28:** Magic Johnson has the cure but he doesn't want to share.
- **@daphtpunk:** @metrotoronto I think perceptions, prevention, and awareness.. remember Degrassi episode when scared to touch kid w/ HIV?

Giving pandemic a mainstream face

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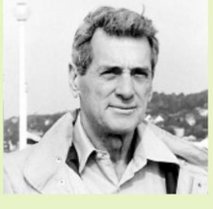

1985: Death of Rock Hudson

The '50s matinee idol's AIDS-related death in October 1985 was a seismic moment in the disease's history, prompting the public to rethink knee-jerk reactions that had characterized AIDS sufferers as deviants. Donations to research efforts flourished in the wake of the actor's death.

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1991: Salt-N-Pepa "Let's Talk About Sex"/"Let's talk about AIDS"

S-n-P's mega-hit (and alternate version, which more directly addressed the pandemic) is a mark of AIDS' destigmatization in the mainstream. To the kids doing the running man to this track at middle-school dances, AIDS was everyone's problem, not just a gay problem.

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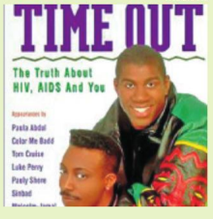

1992: Magic's crusade

It would be hard to name an organization with more youth cachet circa 1991 than the NBA, and it would be even harder to name a man more widely loved than Magic Johnson. The HIV-positive superstar played on the Dream Team, stayed cool with Arsenio and has since proved that life after diagnosis can be long and rich.

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1994: Tom Hanks wins Oscar for Philadelphia

Perhaps unsurprisingly it took almost 15 years for Hollywood to provide its mass audience with a sympathetic portrait of a well-to-do white man with AIDS. It's also instructive to consider how resolutely this narrative — that of the AIDS sufferer's stoic reckoning with a death sentence — has been abandoned.

MELINDA SUE GORDON/SMPSP

2004: Team America: World Police

Cut to 10 years later: The South Park guys' score a hit with Everyone Has AIDS, a musical mockery of the solemnity of Rent, which debuted on Broadway in the mid-'90s. Back then, the song would have been seen as malicious; in the mid-aughts, tellingly, it was merely irreverent.

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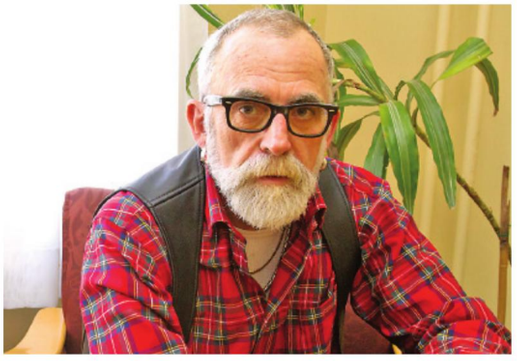
To complete an online quiz and to read about the frontline battle in Peru against the killer disease, visit metronews.ca/AIDSday

For a full list of AIDS Day-related events across Canada, visit worldaids.ca

Bruce, 46. Born and raised in St. Catharines, Ont.
On the face of HIV: "It was considered a gay disease. (Now) it's all walks of life. It could be your cousin, it could be your grandmother."

Cindy, 43. Born and raised in Toronto.
On HIV in her life: "My best friend in the whole world — we didn't talk again because she wouldn't let me hold her baby when it was born.... It impacted all of my decisions."



James, 57. Born and raised in Cape Breton.
On his buying habits these days: "I went to ask my doctor, and he said, 'You're not going to die of AIDS, you'll die of old age.' So I went out and I bought the (photo) enlarger."

The Face of HIV in Canada

One was a paediatric nurse; another a tradeshow exhibitor; another a musician and actor. Some are straight, some gay, some educated professionals; another was a runaway who lived many early years on the streets. Together, they represent the face of HIV — diverse in gender, sexuality, profession and upbringing.

In the leadup to World AIDS Day, Metro visited Toronto's Casey House. Once considered a hospice for those with AIDS to go in their final days, it's now a growing outreach centre as people living with HIV are living longer than ever.

Here we share some of their stories and important messages in this new age of HIV treatment.

For more photos and full profiles, go to metronews.ca/AIDSday

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Kenneth, 51. Born and raised in Hong Kong, moved to Winnipeg at 16 on a student visa.
On prejudice: "I was bullied once — they called me a chink. Now people judge me because I'm blind. We adapt."

Kevin, 48. Born and Raised on St. Joseph's Island, northern Ontario.
On medication: "You remember how fragile you are as a human being every time you pop those pills."

Tonie, 48. Born in Alberta but adopted by a family in the U.S., where she grew up.
On HIV: "I wouldn't wish this on anybody. I would wake up and think, 'What, am I going to die this year?'"

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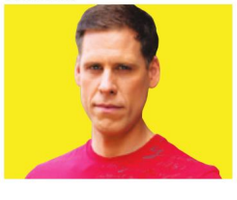

July 2002: I was diagnosed as HIV-positive at age 28. I remember clearly when the nurse at the Hassle Free Clinic in Toronto asked me how I was feeling after he spoke the words. I replied, "Shocked. Yeah, shocked." I knew that I had been with a positive partner in the past and that not all of our sexual practices had been safe. I had sincerely hoped not to keep a souvenir from that relationship.

I was terrified, and within an hour of leaving the clinic I found myself in the fetal position on a downtown sidewalk — in broad daylight — sobbing. Strangers stopped to see if I was all right, but their kind faces from that day remain an emotional blur in my consciousness.

I eventually met my now ex-husband. He entered our relationship HIV-negative and remained so for the time we were together.

Four years ago, my doctor informed me that it was time to begin antiretroviral treatment. I became angry and resentful, not wanting to admit to myself that I would now be reliant on drugs to survive. I didn't take his advice and later contracted an AIDS-related form of pneumonia that nearly killed me.

December 2012: I'm living vibrantly with HIV. The virus is certainly a part of my life, but it in no way defines who I am. I'm now divorced; my ex-husband could not ultimately negotiate this "thing" living inside of me.

I date casually, though I occasionally struggle with disclosure issues and potential rejection with HIV-negative men. But, in all honesty, I walk each day with the intention of finding the positive in being positive.

Living with HIV can certainly be complicated, but I have learned that even the most seemingly insurmountable obstacles can be overcome. Yes, there have been health casualties and relationship losses along the way. But there has also been a great deal of strength and insight that I have learned from my journey.

Ultimately, HIV and its presence in my life, has led me to a much deeper and richer understanding of myself and the world in which I live.

Christopher Wilson is the writer-composer of the new musical drama Living With Henry, which explores his life experiences and seeks to educate, inform and inspire others. It premiered at this year's Toronto Fringe Festival. A new production will be staged at the Next Stage Festival from Jan. 4-15 at the Factory Theatre Mainspace. livingwithhenry.com

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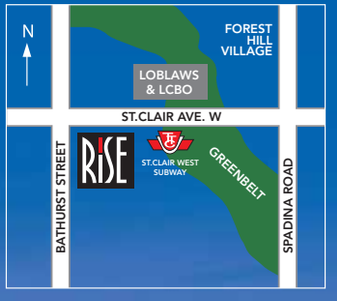

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Mice protected in AIDS study

Scientists identify antibodies that neutralize some HIV strains as world marks AIDS Day today

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▶ Men dressed in drag join marchers mourning the victims of AIDS yesterday in Berlin.

As scientists struggle to find a vaccine to prevent infection with the AIDS virus, a study in mice suggests hope for a new approach — one that scientists now want to test in people.

The treated mice in the study appeared to have 100 per cent protection against HIV. That doesn't mean the strategy will work in people. But several experts were impressed.

"This is a very important paper (about) a very creative idea," says the U.S. government's AIDS chief, Dr. Anthony Fauci. He didn't take part in the research.

The new study involved injecting mice with a protective gene, an idea that's been tested against HIV infection in animals for a decade.

Testing

- Researchers reported the new results in mice online yesterday in the journal Nature.
- They hope to test the approach in people in a couple of years.

In the nearly 30 years since HIV was identified, scientists haven't been able to find a vaccine that is broadly effective. One boost came in 2009, when a large study in Thailand showed that an experimental vaccine protected about a third of recipients against infection.

That's not good enough for general use, but researchers are now trying to improve it.

Another research team reported similar success in monkeys in 2009 and hopes to start human tests even sooner.

A traditional vaccine works by masquerading as a germ, training the body's immune system to build specific defences in case the real germ shows up. Those defences are generally antibodies, which are proteins in the blood that have just the right shape to grab onto parts of an invading virus. Once that happens, the virus can't establish a lasting infection and is cleared from the body.

The mouse work is reported by David Baltimore and colleagues at the California Institute of Technology. It was funded by the U.S. federal government and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Baltimore said his lab has filed for patents.

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Worker outrage floods Britain

- Country's largest strike in more than three decades
- Schools closed, non-urgent operations postponed

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▶ An anti-corporate protester dressed as a police officer mocks real British police officers in central London yesterday.

Paramedics, emergency crews, teachers and even some employees from the prime minister's office took to the streets of Britain for the country's largest strike in decades — drawing attention to government cuts but failing to bring the nation to a standstill.

Public sector employees staged the one-day walkout yesterday over government demands that they work longer before receiving a pension and pay more in monthly contributions, part of austerity measures to tackle Britain's $1.5 trillion debt.

The strike came a day after the government announced that public sector pay raises will be limited to 1 per cent through 2014 — even as inflation now runs about five per cent.

Prime Minister David Cameron defended the government's stance in Parliament, insisting that "as people live longer it's only right and only fair that you should make greater contributions."

"I don't want to see any strikes, I don't want to see schools closed, I don't want to see problems at our borders, but this government must make responsible decisions," Cameron told the House of Commons.

Treasury Chief George Osborne insists public pensions must be reformed. A government report suggests the gap between contributions and payments could rise to $14 billion by 2015.

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London gives the boot to Iranian diplomats

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▶ British police officers stand guard outside the Iranian Embassy in London yesterday. Britain's foreign secretary ordered Iranian diplomats out of the U.K following attacks on the British embassy and a residential compound in Tehran.

Britain ordered Iran yesterday to remove all its diplomats from the U.K. within 48 hours following attacks on its embassy and a residential compound in Tehran — one of the most significant diplomatic retaliations against Iran since the 1979 U.S. embassy crisis.

Foreign Secretary William Hague told the House of Commons that Britain had also withdrawn its entire diplomatic staff from Iran after angry mobs hauled down Union Jack flags, torched a vehicle and tossed looted documents through windows.

The rare move to kick out a country's entire diplomatic corps marks a significant souring of ties between Iran and the West, amid deepening suspicions over Tehran's pursuit of nuclear weapons.

Tensions were heightened in October when U.S. officials accused agents linked to Iran's Quds Force — an elite wing of the powerful Revolutionary Guard — of a role in an alleged plot to kill the Saudi ambassador to the U.S.

Iran currently has 18 diplomats in Britain, according to Britain's foreign ministry.

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Teen feared she would be killed, court told

Shafia trial resumes Monday with prosecution's last witness, a cultural expert on so-called honour killings

A Montreal teenager was convinced her Muslim parents would kill her if they found out she was dating, her drowning trial heard yesterday.

Still, Sahar Shafia, 17, took the risk because she felt so strongly about her boyfriend, Ricardo Ruano, his aunt Erma Diaz Medina testified.

"She told me she would be a dead woman if her parents learned she was going out with Ricardo," Medina told court.

Medina said Shafia was absolutely serious about the threat, and mentioned it in conversation several times.

Shafia and Ruano, who is now 23, began their relationship in early 2009 and it quickly grew intense.

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▶ Sahar Shafia in a photo released by the court.

The couple even talked about getting married and going to his native Honduras to escape her family, which had immigrated from Afghanistan, court heard.

"She loved Ricardo," Medina told the seven-woman, five-man jury.

"She told me that she would love him till death."

Two months after that conversation, Shafia was dead, her cellphone full of innocent-looking pictures of the doting couple.

Shafia, along with her two sisters Geeti, 13, and Zainab, 19, were found drowned along with their father's first wife, Rona Amir Mohammad, 52, on June 30, 2009, inside a car in a canal near Kingston, Ont.

Shafia's father, Afghan businessman Mohammad Shafia, 58, second wife, Tooba Yahya, 41, and their son Hamed, 20, have pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the deaths.

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McGuinty tables anti-bullying legislation

Quebec teen's suicide fuels discussion over issue

A flip comment made on Facebook several weeks ago cut chillingly to the heart of a debate on bullying raging yesterday in Canada.

"Suspended 5 days! ahahaha! Not bad," the teenaged alleged aggressor of Quebec schoolgirl Marjorie Raymond wrote on Facebook on Nov. 1, apparently unperturbed by the penalty handed down by her school.

Within a month, Raymond had killed herself.

Cases like this one were the inspiration behind legislation tabled yesterday in Ontario. Following other high-profile teen suicides in the province, the McGuinty government introduced a bill that would allow schools to permanently expel students for bullying.

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Raymond's death sparked outrage in Quebec yesterday, grabbing headlines and sparking debate in the provincial legislature. Premier Jean Charest said he was saddened to hear of Raymond's suicide and expressed his sympathies to her family.

"When these sad events happen, of course, we all ask ourselves if there are things we can do differently to avoid them," Charest told reporters.

Raymond took her own life on Nov. 28, telling her mother in a suicide note that she couldn't endure the physical and psychological abuse any longer.

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China. The poor

▶ A woman carries her son in a bamboo basket on her back as she buys vegetables from a street vendor in Shanghai yesterday.

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Beijing sets its poverty bar higher

A sharp upward revision in the official poverty line announced by the government means that 128 million Chinese in rural areas now qualify as poor — 100 million more than under the previous standard. The new threshold of about $1 US a day nearly doubles the previous amount. While the revised poverty line is still below the World Bank threshold of $1.25 a day, the change brings China closer to international norms and better reflects the country's overall higher standards of living after three decades of buoyant growth.

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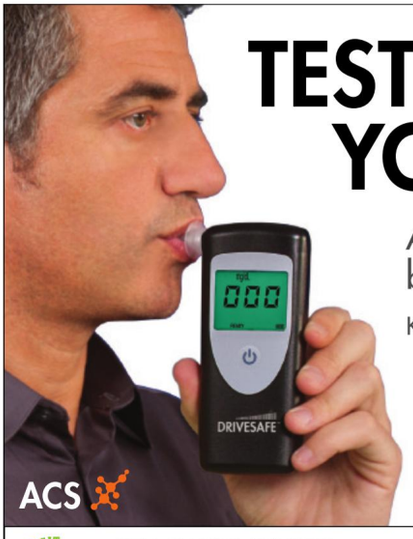

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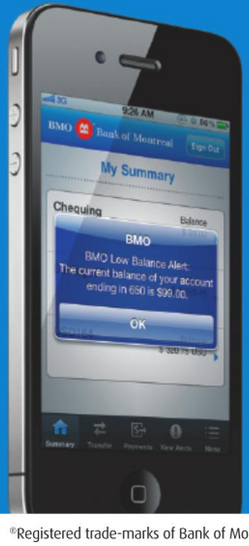

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Banks move to head off crisis

Cost of temporary dollar loans drop half percentage point from Monday

The Bank of Canada and five central banks have launched what appears to be a pre-emptive strike to head off a new global credit crunch that could trigger a second recession.

In a surprise move yesterday, the European Central Bank, the U.S. Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and the central banks of Canada, Japan and Switzerland said they will make it cheaper for banks to access U.S. dollars.

Analysts said the move was targeted at beleaguered European banks.

Optimism was in vogue after the announcement. Stocks surged everywhere, the euro jumped up one per cent and oil was immediately up $1.45 to $101.25. The loonie climbed 1.09 cents to 98.15 cents US. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Buffett buys newspaper

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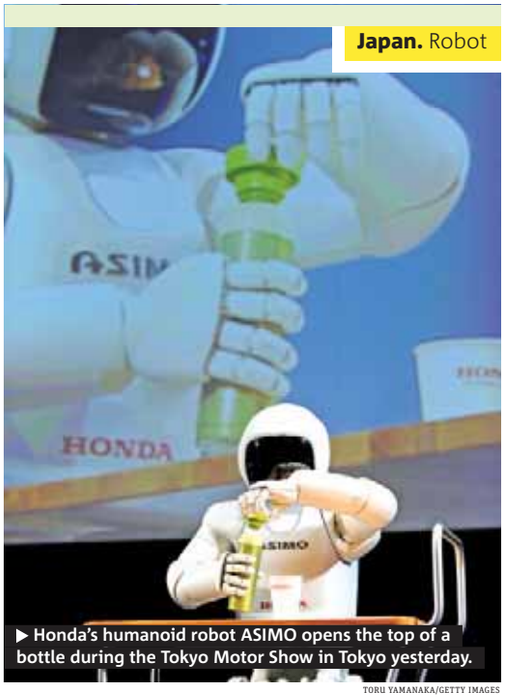
The deal must be approved by the Omaha World-Herald's employee owners. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

iTunes coming to Brazil, group hears

A music publishers' group says it is close to signing a deal with Apple that would finally bring iTunes to Latin America's largest nation.

Executive director Michaela Couto of the Brazilian Union of Music Publishers said negotiations with Apple Inc. are at an "advanced stage" and that iTunes could be launched in Brazil by mid-December. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Japan. Robot



▶ Honda's humanoid robot ASIMO opens the top of a bottle during the Tokyo Motor Show in Tokyo yesterday.

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ASIMO getting smarter

Japanese automaker Honda has upgraded its bipedal ASIMO robot with several advancements, including improved AI and a bigger degree of autonomous behaviour, the company announced. It now has a multi-fingered hand with a tactile and force sensor, which makes it capable of performing delicate tasks, such as pouring coffee into a mug.

Hackers 'jailbreak' RIM's PlayBook tablet

Software developers say they have hacked into Research In Motion Ltd.'s PlayBook tablet computer, controlling the device's file system and allowing the PlayBook to run unauthorized applications.

The developers who identify themselves as neuralic, xpvqs and Chris Wade, say they have exploited a hole in RIM's vaunted security system to "jailbreak" the tablet.

In YouTube videos they demonstrate how to play a video from the Hulu Internet service that has been off limits to the PlayBook and key in commands to turn the PlayBook's LED signals on and off. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

DingleBerry

- The trio say their tool, DingleBerry — which allows PlayBook users to load new apps and operating systems — will be available for download within a week.

Club members gun for a holiday shot with Santa

Arizona. Gun club

▶ Scottsdale Gun Club members pose with Santa and automatic weapons in Arizona.

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Ron Kennedy, general manager of the Scottsdale Gun Club, says the business got the idea for the photo-op last year when a club member happened to come in dressed as Santa and other members wanted their picture taken while they were holding their guns. He says people have used the photos for Christmas cards and Facebook posts. About 500 people showed up to the first of two sittings.

Watchdog flags TMX-Maple merger

Group faces OSC public hearing today into their $3.8B arrangement

The federal competition watchdog said yesterday it has "serious concerns" about Maple Group's plan to merge Canada's largest securities market with a clearing house and smaller market, but added a resolution is still possible.

Some of Canada's smaller investment firms have raised red flags about the merger of the bank-owned Alpha trading platform and CDS clearing house with TMX Group, owner of the Toronto and TSX Venture stock exchanges, Montreal derivatives market and more specialized trading platforms.

Critics have said the Maple plan could create a monopoly that favours the banks and insurance companies. The 13-member Maple Group includes some of Canada's biggest pension managers, banks, investment houses and the country's largest life insurance firm — all major users of securities markets.

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'TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP TILL YOU (LITERALLY) DROP

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

Now that Santa Claus parades have passed, snow has fallen and stores have entered their seventh exciting week of Christmas music, I think it's safe to talk shopping.

Not that there's anything safe about it.

The starting gun for holiday shopping is "Black Friday," though few Americans would use something as feeble as a starting gun to get their hands on a discounted DVD player.

This calls for heavy weaponry. It's in the constitution.

Even without firepower, Americans bulk up with turkey on "Black Thursday" to prepare for various cannonball moves needed to get at merchandise on Black Friday, shop at smaller stores on "Black Friday Hangover" and then online on "Cyber Monday." Other important days include "Utensil Blowout Tuesday," "Paisley Wednesday" and "The Thursday of Regret."

Meanwhile, Canadians watch the pepper sprayings and shootings and stampedes and can only think one thing: We want in. Though there's an annual lament that North Americans have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas, I can assure you that holiday shopping has been crazy for at least my entire lifetime.

"And who could forget Tickle Me Elmo, whose announcement, "Heh, heh! That tickles!" was an interesting counterpoint to store clerks yelling, "Dear God! Get off my spine!"

First it was Cabbage Patch Dolls. Nothing evoked the spirit of the season quite like old women having fist-fights over ugly, fat-faced dolls.

Then there was Furby, a pricey doll that first spoke gibberish, but eventually learned English phrases like "A fool and his money are soon parted."

And who could forget Tickle Me Elmo, whose announcement "Heh, heh! That tickles!" was an interesting counterpoint to store clerks yelling, "Dear God! Get off my spine!"

It's never pretty, but what can be done? Well, I say this with utmost humility: Be more like me. If you shopped as I shop, we'd only need one shopping day. The entire continent would be done in minutes, actually. My goal during any shopping excursion is to treat the inside of the mall like it's Fukushima Daiichi — the less exposure the better. I'm a mission shopper.

RECORDING: Your mission, should you accept: We need a Chapters gift card, a backgammon set, and some sandalwood soap, whatever that is (women like it, we think). This MP3 player will self-destruct as soon as the warranty expires.

ME: I'll be in and out in 11 seconds.

With shopping complete, one can get back to the important things, such as enjoying the sights of the season, and repaying crippling shopping debts. And, because you skipped the violence, you'll have plenty of pepper spray next year for the repo man. Also, any store manager that decides to play Christmas music on Nov. 1.

As we remember the true meaning of the season, let us spray.

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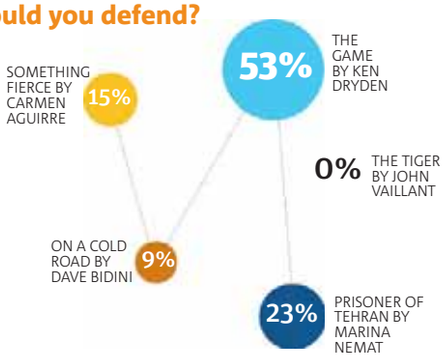

Local tweets

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- **@megbutton:** Would you extend Ron Wilson's contract? #Leafs #TMLtalk #TheQuiz
- **@kristymcgale:** Studying can wait, Mom... #Leafs are on!
- **@Mike_Fahmy:** If anything I think the #Leafs would be front runners for Bobby Ryan, knowing Burke is the guy who drafted him & he's a Burke player
- **@JasiraAnn:** thank god the snow melted away, before i got outside
- **@kimberlyhughes:** @jed0518 It's been unseasonably warm for November but it snowed today :/ Already melted, but winter is on it's way!
- **@TJPshine:** I wish I had had the time to drop by the new Loblaws at MLG today...I completely forgot about it
- **@th30p3rator:** Live jazz at a grocery store, this is a first. Now to just go to the lcbo get some Scotch, and it'll be a classy night. At the new loblaws.

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Foxy snow dive

Cunning fox goes 'mousing'

WYOMING. Deep in the Lamar Valley of Yellowstone National Park, this red fox uses its large ears to listen out for a mouse before "snow-diving" to try and catch it.

Richard Peters had only a handful of seconds to snap this fox in motion, which had waited 20 minutes before launching its attack.

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"In the end, the mouse was quicker. The fox came out with nothing in its mouth."
RICHARD PETERS, PHOTOGRAPHER

Wolves head for warmer climate

PHOTO TOUR. For the 33-year-old photographer from London, this fox snap was not what he had intended. As he explained to Metro: "I went there to photo-hunt wolves. But the harsh winter — with over two metres of snow and temperatures as low as –39 C — forced the wolves to migrate to warmer places."

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Reinventing the classics

Elgin Theatre giving a fresh new take on Wizard of Oz with its Plumbum character
It's a great way to get children interested in theatre Showing in Toronto until Jan. 6

BACKSTAGE PASS

IAN GORMELY
METRO TORONTO

Hollywood stars often complain about being typecast. But most actors are just happy to have steady work. For Dan Chameroy, a well-respected vet of the Stratford Festival, that occasionally requires a dress and a healthy does of makeup to create Plumbum von Botox.

Plumbum began life as an ugly stepsister in executive producer Ross Petty's production of Cinderella back in 2008. Chameroy has since reprised the role in Robin Hood, playing Maid Marian's guardian and starting this week, the Wizard of Oz, as Dorothy's aunt.

"I'm just glad to be working," he confirms. "If I'm known for something fine. I'm all about creating characters."

If you're having trouble remembering an aunt in Oz, you're forgiven. Plumbum was dropped into these familiar tales as part of the English tradition of pantomime.

"They're so tongue in cheek and light hearted," explains Chameroy. "The kids are encouraged to make noise during the show. It's kind of an audience participation kind of thing, as opposed to a regular show where you're not really supposed to encourage your children to shout at the stage. It's a great way to introduce kids to the theatre."

Plumbum's inclusion in the story is purely for comic relief.

"I've never had the opportunity to bring a character back and throw them in and see how they do and how they evolve."

This production strays from the classic film, but the main ideas from the story remain.

"We have the Scarecrow and the Tin Man and the lion," he says. "(Plumbum)'s man hungry and she's dragged there with Dorothy, so she's always up for a good adventure. Hopefully she'll come back with a dude."

The Wizard of Oz is running to Jan 6 at Elgin Theatre (189 Yonge St.).

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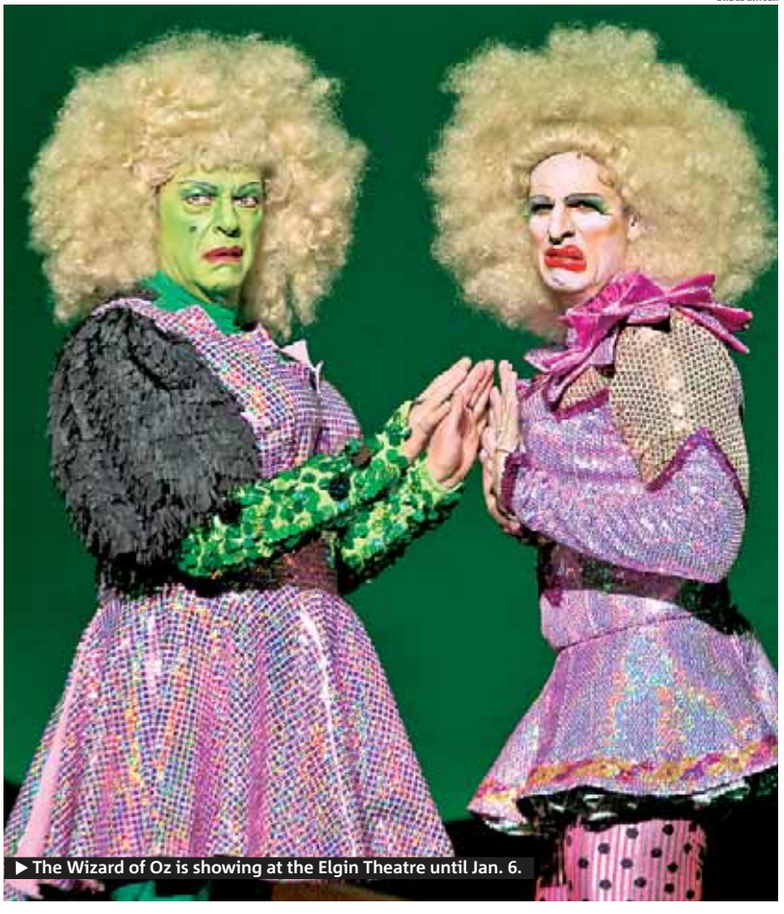

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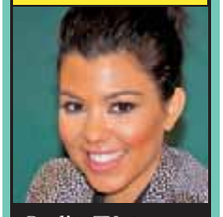

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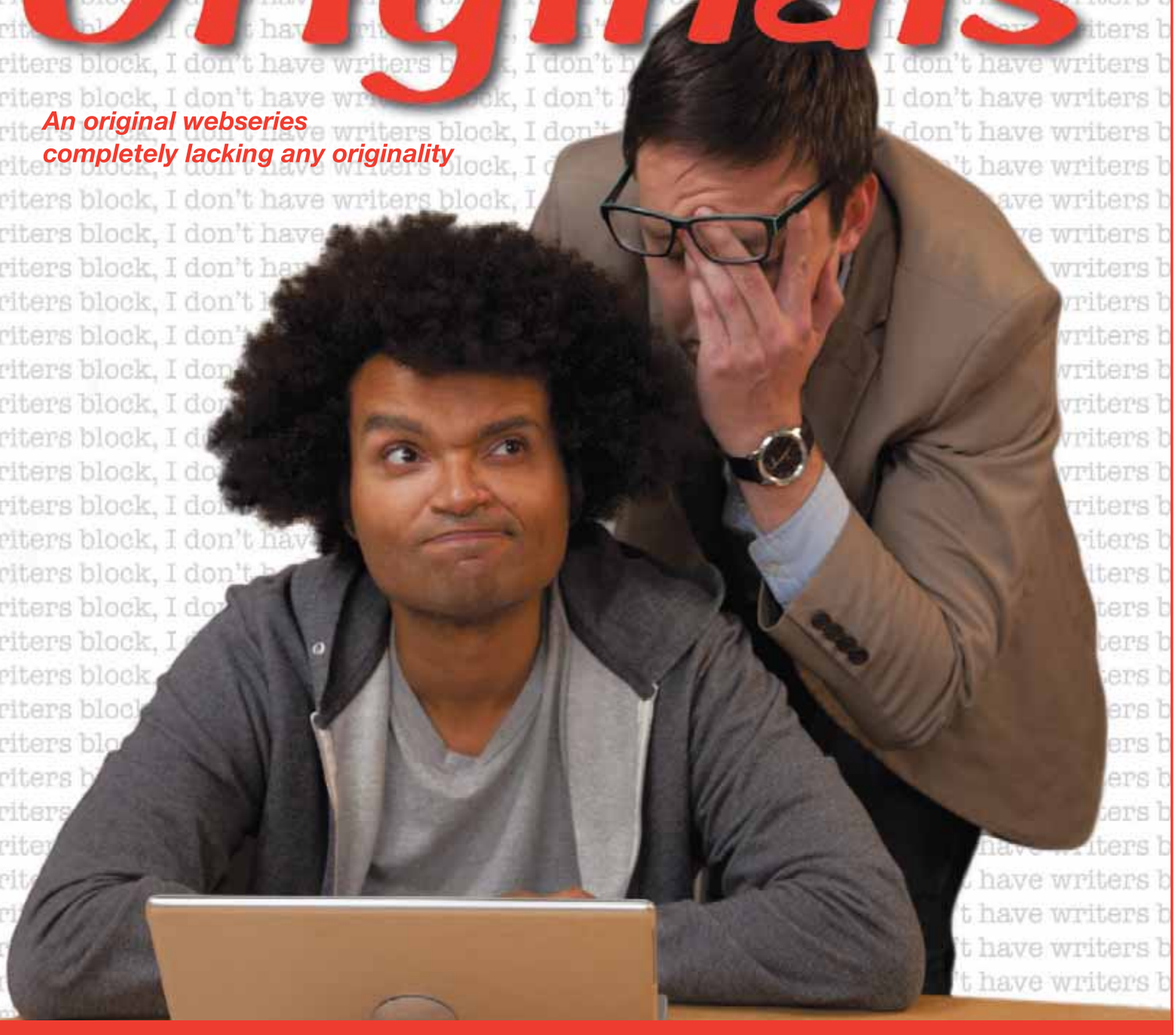

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No shame in change

Shame writer Abi Morgan has a variety of projects

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▶ Michael Fassbender was 'the most brilliant choice' to play a sex addicted New Yorker in Shame, according to writer Abi Morgan.

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"It has just been a very, very intense year," says screenwriter Abi Morgan. In addition to the release of Shame this week, her name also appears on the scripts for the new Meryl Streep film The Iron Lady and six episodes of the British television series The Hour.

"I just keep my head down and write," she says. "The hardest thing for a writer is if you don't have anyone with a deadline waiting for you. It's someone saying, 'Deliver. I'm interested. I want to see what you've got.' I think I'm a natural people pleaser so I like going, 'Yes, I'm coming.' It appeals to that part of me.

"I don't have writer's block as such. I certainly can write rubbish. I think your b******t barometer has to go up when you write every day because you have to stop and think, 'Is this working? Is it good?' You have to stop yourself from using the same rhythm or the same bad stage directions.

"So you know I have to shake up my writing quite a lot."

Shake up, indeed. The Iron Lady is a portrait of hard line British PM Maggie Thatcher, The Hour a 1950s set newsroom drama, while Shame is a modern day look at sex addiction and the role the Internet plays in comodifying pornography.

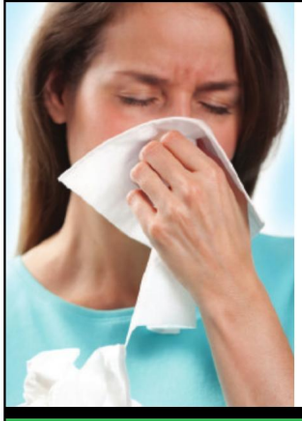
"We didn't set out to write a film about sex addiction," she says of her collaboration with director Steve McQueen. "Our starting point was how the Internet can draw you in."

She calls Shame star Michael Fassbender "the most brilliant choice" to play Brandon, a sex dependent New Yorker, because "he's so fearless."

The film wasn't originally written with Fassbender in mind, but after the second draft director McQueen suggested the actor. The two had worked together in the festival hit Hunger, and Morgan says, "Steve and him have such an incredible relationship."

Now she says "the film was very bespoke for him."

Cold and Flu season is back



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Russell Peters

A Russell Peters Christmas goes heavy on the corny factor while celebrating the season

When it comes to Christmas, Canada's comedy giant Russell Peters is a traditionalist at heart.

The stand-up superstar throws together an old-fashioned TV variety special this week featuring plenty of carols, mirth by the fire, wishes for Santa, and unabashedly cheesy skits involving his mother, Maureen, and baby girl, Crystianna.

"This is a real family affair, (including) Momma and baby. Did you see my daughter? How cute is she?" Peters gushed recently from the Toronto set, admitting he's taking every opportunity to show off his nearly year-old offspring.

"Even if she never wants to be in show business ever again at least I got footage to show her and go, 'Who didn't want to be in show business then?'"

Besides baby schmaltz, A Russell Peters Christmas features famous friends Michael Bublé, Pamela Anderson, Jon Lovitz, Scott Thompson, Faizon Love and The Love Boat's Ted Lange, as well as a bevy of lingerie models to help ring in the season.

Thompson says the mix of stand-up, sketch comedy, stop-motion animation and musical performances harkens back to holiday specials of yore.

"I think if a white guy did it, it would be like, 'Wow, this is too much of a throwback.' But with him it seems kind of hip," Thompson says of the show's Indo-Canadian host, who peppers the special with trademark jokes about race and culture.

"And I think people will go, 'Oh my God, so he's a Christian. I wasn't sure.'"

If you want to watch A Russell Peters Christmas it airs tonight on CTV and repeats Dec. 10 on The Comedy Network.

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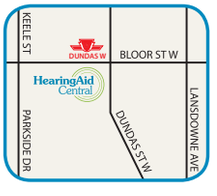

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AIDS awareness earns Alicia praise

Bono attends premiere of Keys' film about disease in Africa, says she has 'lioness energy'

Bono is afraid of Alicia Keys.

While Keys talked about being pregnant and empathetic when filming her documentary about AIDS in Africa, the U2 singer chimed in and said: "She's scary, isn't she? She's scary."

Bono went on to say that Keys has "lioness energy" and that her role as a new mother won't allow her to "let other mothers suffer."

He made the comments at the premiere of Keep a Child Alive with Alicia Keys, a documentary that followed a visit to South Africa during last year's World Cup with a pregnant Keys and five Americans. It airs on the cable television Showtime channel today, which is World AIDS Day.

Bono said he met Keys when they recorded a cover of Marvin Gaye's What's Going On — with dozens of other musicians — in 2001.

"I was terrified the moment I met her. I was shaking in my boots," he said. "I was very moved by her singing of course, but what was interesting was the hard questions afterwards, and I think it's those hard questions that she asks that lead her."

Keys started her charity, Keep a Child Alive, in 2003. It assists those affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa and India.

She says she hopes the film reaches out to those who want to help, but can't make it to Africa.

"Even if you never have been able to travel there, or if you never can, that doesn't mean you can't travel with us and really see it for yourself," she said.

Bono says Keys has what it takes to make a difference in Africa, and around the world.

"Everyone's got heart, but actually you have to have the head for this," he said. "You have to be tough and strategic, you have to be demanding, (and) the money has to be spent well."

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▶ Bono and Alicia Keys attend the premiere of the Showtime documentary Keep a Child Alive with Alicia Keys, in New York, on Tuesday.

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Courtney Love to the rescue

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Well, if this doesn't spell the end for Lindsay Lohan, I don't know what does: Courtney Love, a woman once so wasted she was photographed having a stranger suck her bare nipple at a Wendy's, is apparently Lindsay Lohan's new sobriety coach.

Yes, in the new issue of Details, Love says she's taken on the role "because nobody else will."

Love says she is using her past to show Lohan that she is making a mistake by using drugs. "I went up to Lindsay's room one time and there was a show on called '101 Celebrity Oops' and I am like every other one, you know — boobs out, legs everywhere, throwing s– at Madonna, you know, whatever," Kurt Cobain's widow told the magazine. "I'm like 'Lindsay, look! Drugs are bad!'"

Love, whose daughter recently filed a restraining order against her, claims she's been clean since 2005. Does anyone need to know how bad of an idea this is?

Having Courtney Love as your sober coach makes about as much sense has having Chris Farley as your weight-loss guru.

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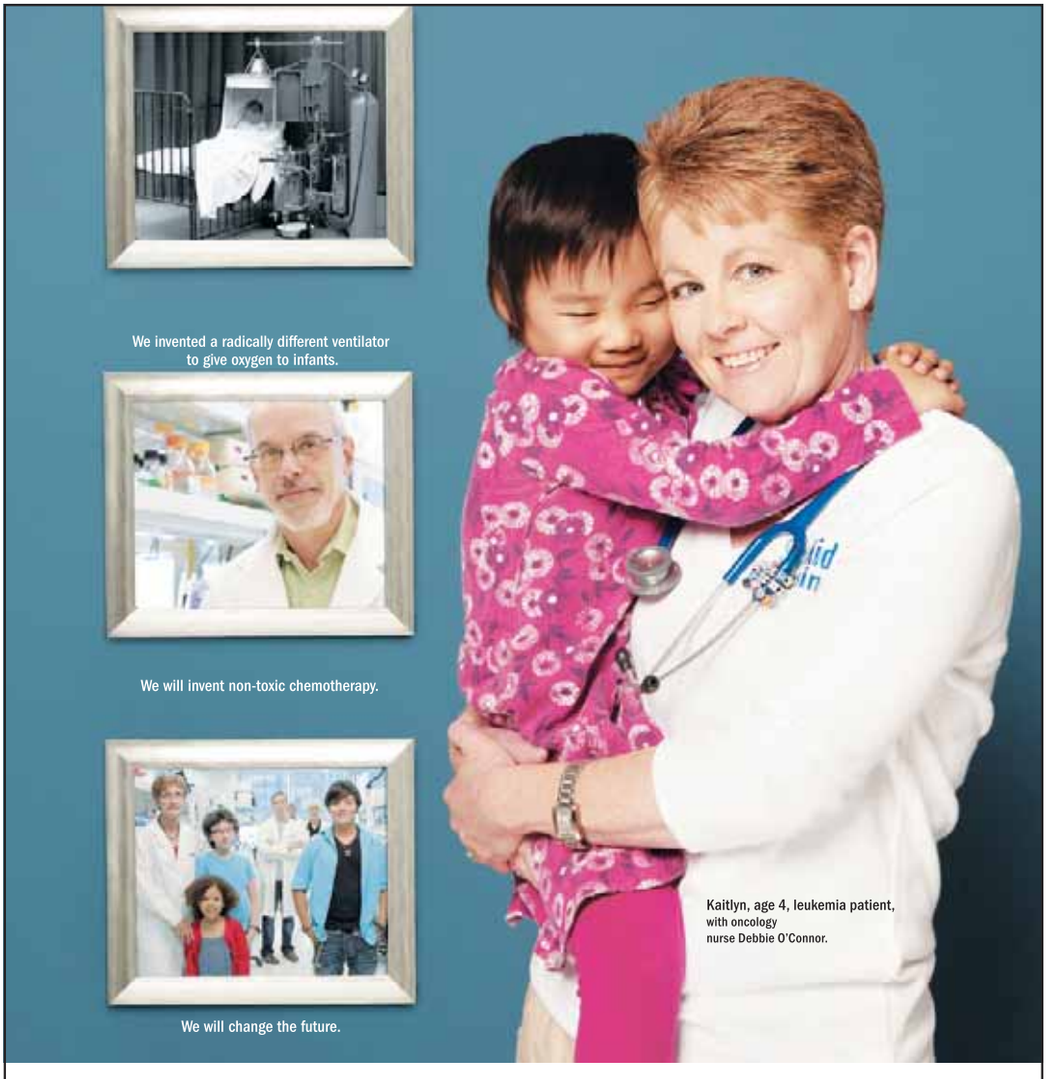
▶ Courtney Love



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▶ Bradley Cooper

Moore takes 'me time'

It turns out Demi Moore wasn't on hand for youngest daughter Tallulah's recent debutante ball in Paris because she stayed back in L.A. for some "me time." Moore, who recently filed for divorce from Ashton Kutcher, was spotted enjoying a dinner with close friend and florist Eric Butterbaugh at the Sunset Tower Hotel, according to Us Weekly. METRO

▶ Demi Moore

Celebrity tweets

@Joan_Rivers
Everyone is happy that Conrad Murray was sentenced to four years in prison, except for other inmates suffering from insomnia.

@MatthewPerry
I'm on a train. Whatever.

@MarthaStewart
twitter is not necessarily the place to worry about grammar,spelling and syntax- i just try to fit my thoughts into 140 characters or less..

@ConanOBrien
Not gonna say what I bought, but Amazon just reviewed my order and said, "You might also be interested in therapy."

DISCERNING DRINKER'S RECIPE
of the week.... Simon Difford

Simon Difford is an award-winning drinks writer famous the world over for his discerning palate and encyclopaedic knowledge about the world of cocktails. For more than 3000 cocktail recipes, product launches and global bar reviews visit www.diffordsguide.com

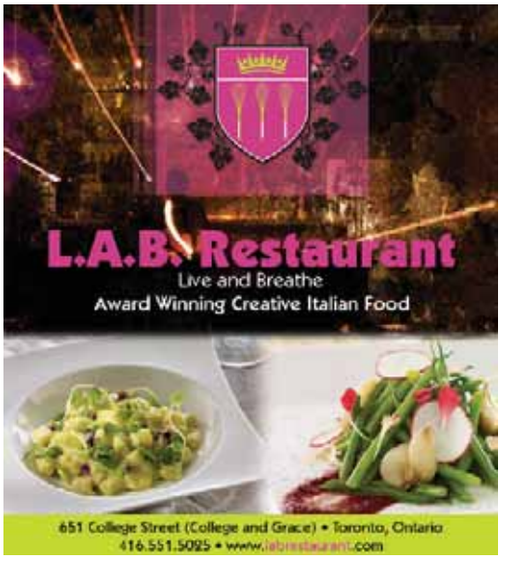
Today is the first day of Advent, so whilst the kids are hanging up their gingerbread Christmas decorations, why not treat yourself to this ginger cookie-inspired cocktail? With seasonal flavours of cloves, ginger and oranges, this cocktail epitomises the taste of Christmas.

GINGERBREAD TWIST

Start by "muddling" – gently crushing – the cloves at the bottom of the stirring glass. If you don't have a drinks muddler, use the end of a rolling pin. Add the other ingredients to the glass and stir with ice for 15-20 seconds. Fine strain into a martini glass to remove any debris from the cloves, and garnish with a twist of orange peel.

2 dried Cloves
2 shots Bacardi Gold rum
⅓ shot Ginger liqueur
¼ shot Grand Marnier liqueur
¼ shot Chilled water

Simon says... *"The Gingerbread Twist is stirred not shaken, because the recipe already includes mineral water (to open up the Christmassy flavours) – we don't want the level of dilution that would occur with shaking."*



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One festive fashionista

Iconic Canadian designer Marie Saint Pierre dishes on the dos and dont's of holiday dressing

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▶ Marie Saint Pierre for Reitmans collection. From left: V-neck dress with gold lace; V-neck knit and taffeta dress with sash; $85 each.

Celebrated Montreal-based designer Marie Saint Pierre has teamed up with Reitmans on a capsule collection of 10 dresses for the holidays.

Featuring the signature touches — asymmetrical hemlines, a playful combination of fabrics and architectural details — that have made Saint Pierre a hit internationally, each dress offers the versatility of day-to-evening wear at an accessible price.

"We wanted to offer essential dresses for this collection," explains Saint Pierre. "We wanted to give them timeless pieces that would go beyond Christmas and you could wear throughout the year," she adds of the offerings, all of which are variations of the little black dress.

When it comes to holiday dresses, Saint Pierre says if you opt for classic and elegant black, which is universally flattering on any shape, you can add a splash of colour with some accessories.

"Black is versatile and at the same time it is glamorous. It's such a functional colour for most people; it's like a blank canvas. If you are going to buy one dress, buy a black dress that you can wear for many occasions and for many years."

Top tip

Sleeveless dresses and tops should show off your arms, not your bra. If your bra straps show, the cut of the dress is wrong for you or the top is too big at your shoulders.

However, Saint Pierre did include that ultimate holiday colour — red — in the bustier of her bubble skirt dress as well as a lovely deep blue in the skirt of a taffeta number.

Saint Pierre believes that the movement and drape of a dress are key elements to look for when choosing what to wear to your holiday parties. "Having movement in a dress is important. That's when you create a buzz," says Saint Pierre, adding that holiday parties are the time to go all out and really shine.

"When you overdress, you create the party," she says. "I think the holidays are a time to dress up rather than dress down. So add on accessories."

It's all about choosing a figure-flattering dress that accentuates the right areas, as well as concealing the right areas.

"High-low hems (higher in the front, lower in the back) for instance gives a nice flow and silhouette as do A-line skirts," she explains.

Some people hesitate to wear strapless or sleeveless dresses to office holiday parties, deeming it inappropriate. Saint Pierre, however, poo-poos that notion. "It is the time when you can bare your shoulders. If not at a holiday party, then when?"

Creatively moving from day to night

"You can wear a cardigan over the dress during the day with flat shoes, then add the necklace, a pair of heels and remove the cardigan for the evening cocktail party," says Saint Pierre.

Holiday bling

How to accessorize your outfit

- "We worked a lot with chains. I think you can mix the chain with the fur, you can mix the chain with a nice cashmere scarf or a fur bag, or an amazing ring," says Saint Pierre.
- "I would not put too many accessories together though. Go with one big statement accessory."
- The designer also points to carrying a colourful clutch for a pop of colour with a black dress or adorning the wrist with a big cuff. "For an event, you can have a really great presence with a hat," she adds.

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Scent of a supermodel

Always-on-the-go model, host, artist, philanthropist and entrepreneur Heidi Klum pauses to chat with Metro about her new fragrance, Shine

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Perfume is very personal to each woman. What kind of woman do you think would gravitate towards Shine?

It's always so hard because I don't want to put women into a box and say this is the type of woman who would like it and others won't. I think perfume — you have to just try it and either you like it or you don't. Also, there's no age group on there. Either you're attracted to it or you're not.

▶ Heidi Klum Shine Eau de Toilette is an effervescent floral oriental fusion that retails for $35.

Your name is associated with numerous fashion and beauty projects but unlike some celebrities, you always seem to be seriously involved in the development process. Was it the same for Shine?

I'm probably a bit of a pain in a butt on all of my ventures — every time I start working with a new partner I sit down with them for the first time and they want to know how much you're involved because they want you to be involved. I'm like, "absolutely, let's get the sleeves up, let's get started". So it tends to be a situation where I say, "no no, it's not finished yet, no no I don't like that, no it's not the right gold, it has to change, the packaging, the ripples, more ripples."

Sometimes I think my partners would prefer if I was a little bit more a yesser but I'm probably more of the opposite. I believe whatever I put my name on — it's truly something that I've done and that I'm proud of. Before we finalize the perfume I have these little tester bottles and I kind of feel it out — hear what people say — I send them around the office. I hear what friends and family, what people around me have to say. What sells in statistics is sweet — mine is not sweet. I'm going against what the odds are.

Why go against the grain?

Because this is what I like. I like that kind of a scent, I like the spiciness of it — I do what I believe in.

GEORGE PIMENTEL

▶ Heidi Klum rocking her Canadian colours while stopping over in the North to promote Shine.

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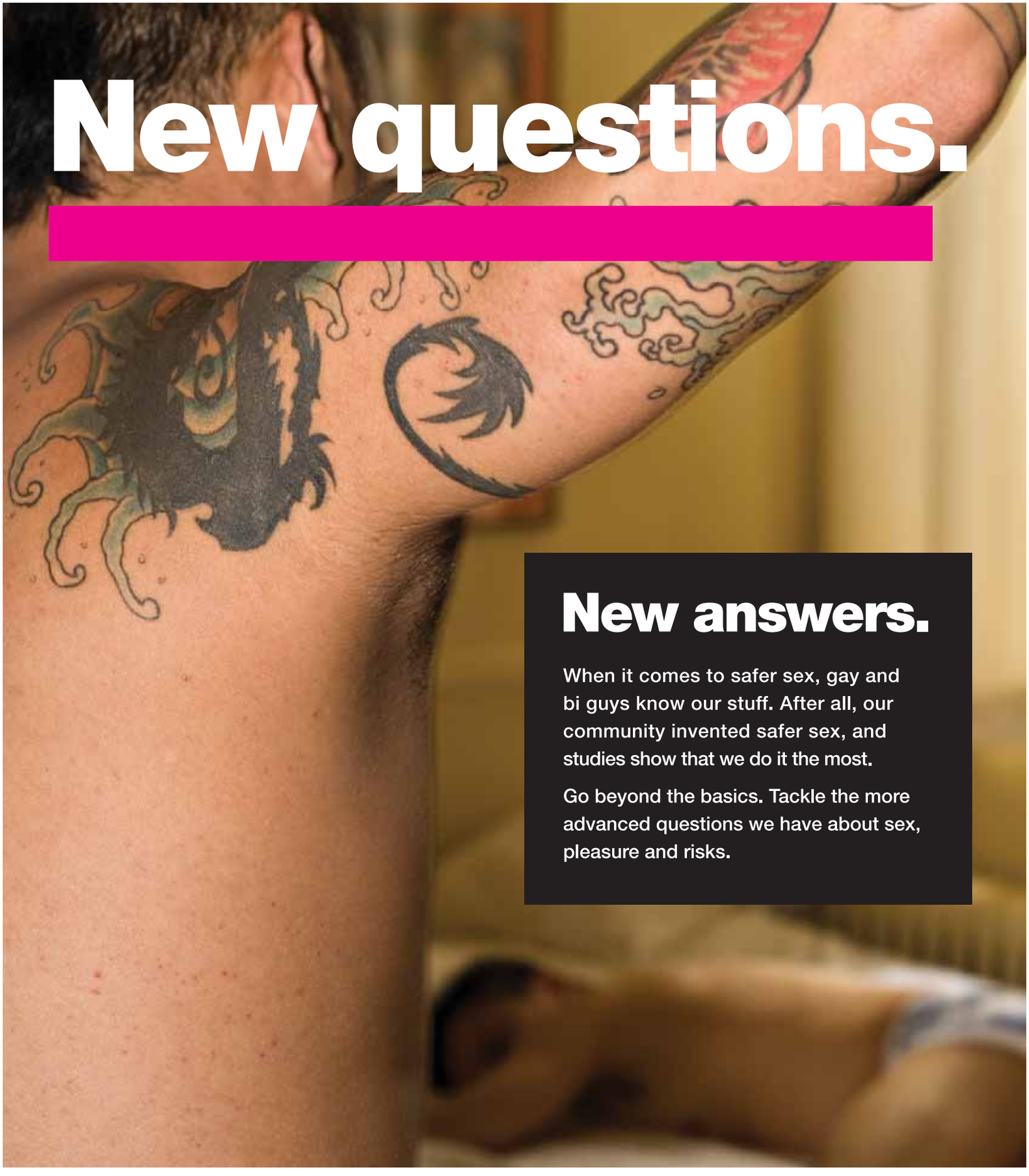

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A very ugly

They're seasonal, sickening and sometimes they make sounds
And yet we just can't get enough

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They are by far one of the tackiest items of clothing around. Yet despite their cringe-worthy aesthetic, they are dug out of attics, basements and the backs of closets year after year, bringing laughs and smiles to all those who come across them.

I'm talking about ugly Christmas sweaters (yes, they've earned their very own fashion category).

Hand-knit in bright holiday hues, they're adorned with everything from appliqué to sequins to pearls, to velvet ribbon and various other holiday knick-knacks.

The more outlandish ones are even adorned

▶ They'll be the last ones laughing when they win big cash for wearing kitschy Christmas couture. (Info at right of page.)

Classy Christmas sweaters?

Not all Christmas sweaters are ugly (although the majority certainly are). But the rule of thumb when looking for a festive yet classy holiday sweater is to opt for a lightweight crewneck style with a minimal Nordic design (reindeer profile or snow flakes are nice) in no more than two shades (red and white or pastel blue and cream are festive and not offensive).

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holiday season!

with holiday decorations that outshine the Christmas tree (think glittering ornaments, tinsel and lights).

Styles range from V-necks to turtlenecks to sweater vests, while the worst offenders (or the best, if you're competing in an ugly Christmas sweater contest) are those from the '70s and '80s boasting shoulder pads, bat arms and wide waistbands.

Generally, all ugly Christmas sweaters rock a theme, be it Santa and his reindeer with faux antlers protruding from said sweater; or a village of happy snowmen with the words "Ho, Ho, Ho" sewn all around in yarn; or a nutcracker masterpiece complete with all the characters running up and down both arms; or a giant wreath or a gingerbread house. The options are really endless. And generally, they are either far too big or far too small on the people wearing them.

If you're looking for an ugly Christmas sweater this season and don't happen to have one languishing at the back of your closet, just head out to your local thrift store where you're bound to find one that's as tacky as ever. And if you choose to wear one, remember the key to ugly Christmas sweater success is to revel in its ugliness and wear it with pride.

UGLY METER

Use this list to determine just how grotesque your garment really is. Does it have...

- Hanging bells or ornaments?
- Cut-outs, padded features and 3D effects?
- Doily-like lace and sequins?
- Winter wonderland scenes?

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Bling on the season

The holiday party season is approaching, which means plenty of opportunities to wear shiny things But how about during the day? We road test ways to make sequins and glitter work during both

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Sparkle is one of those universally-appealing, fashion perennials that never really goes out of style. Just about every girl loves to have at least a small amount of it in her wardrobe. And it just so happens that this season is chock-full of glitter, sequins, paillettes and all manner of shiny things. In fashion speak: shimmer is having a moment.

It's an obvious choice for the holiday season. But the real test is pulling shimmer off during the day. Remember, fashion is now a world that thrives on contrasts — dramatic, evening looks for day; sheer, summery pieces in winter — are you getting the idea?

That said, anything featuring glitter, sequins, paillettes or any other shiny substance can be tricky. Style it incorrectly and you could easily find yourself looking like a long-lost member of Destiny's Child, Vegas call girl, Eurovision contestant — or a hybrid of all three. Bottom line, sparkle can either look really fun and fashionable, or cheap as hell.

Let's start with the glittery moment for day. If I had worn this gilded J.Crew dress (pictured above) to the office on its own, I would have felt overdressed and out of place. But the opaque tights, denim shirt and army jacket bring the shine's drama back down to 9-to-5 land. The key is to layer strategically with pieces that prevent you from looking like you've tried too hard.

Nighttime, of course, is another matter. And glamour has never been more au courant. So I doubled up on the shimmer by pairing Zara's body-skimming sequin pencil skirt with Miu Miu's badass glittery booties.

Last, a cashmere V-neck sweater adds a dose of unaffected respectability that keeps me from looking like I'm headed to work on the nearest street corner instead of the theatre.

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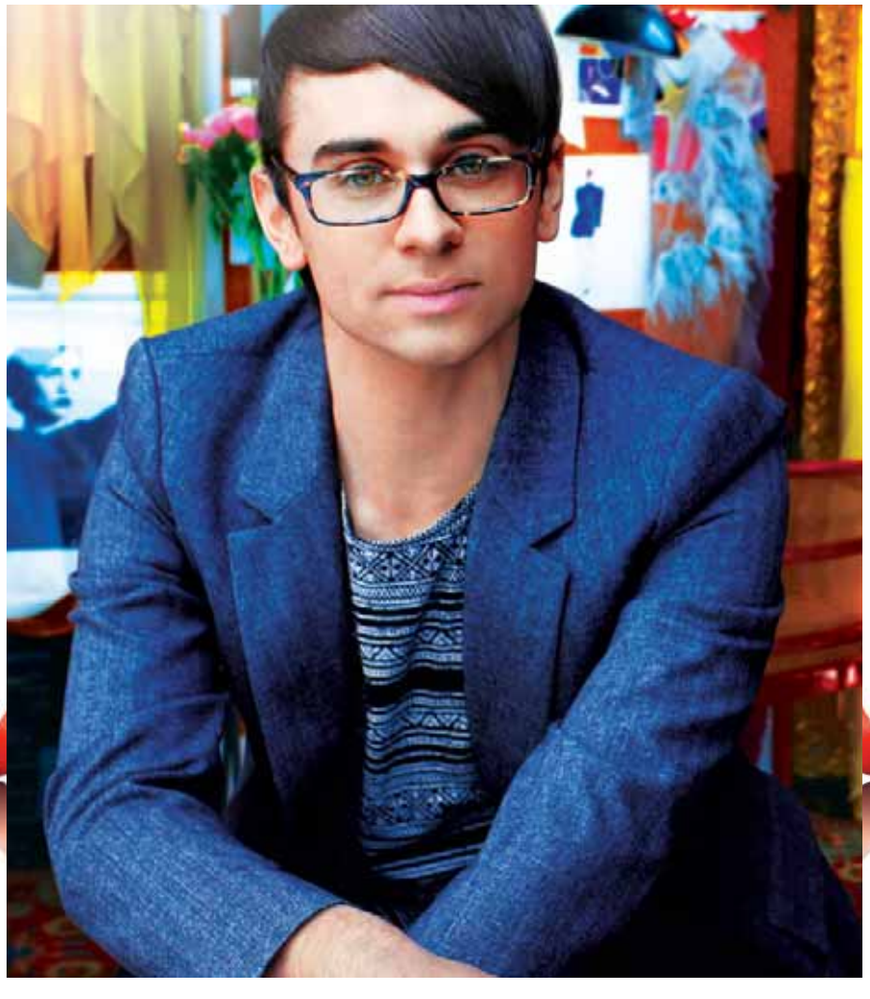

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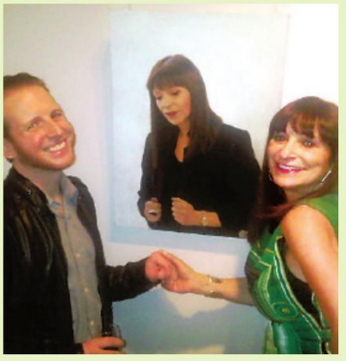

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▶ Studio 2's winter lounge.

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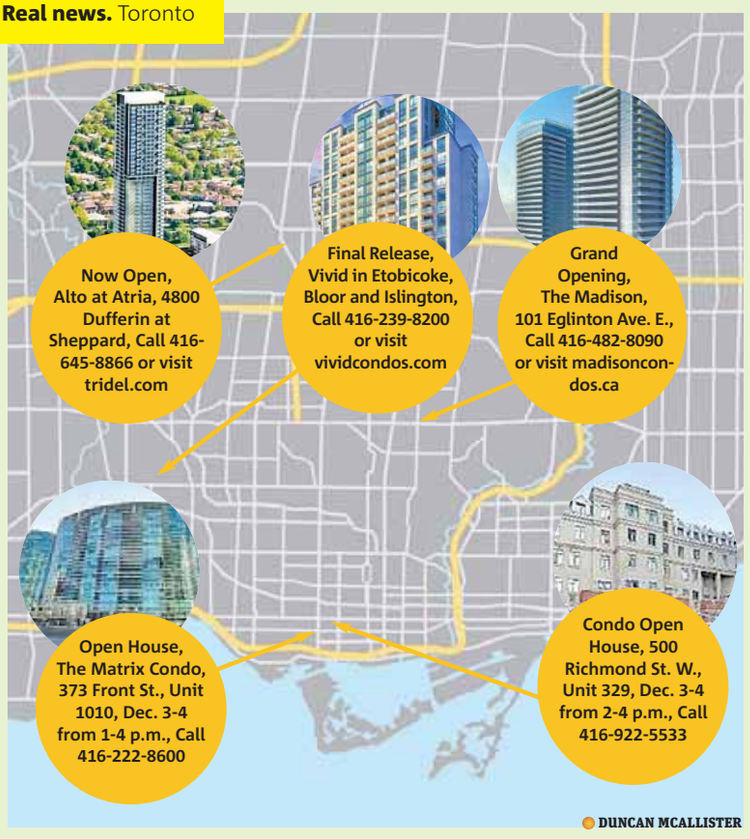

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CONDOMINIUM MARKET REMAINING VERY STEADY

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There's a lot to be said about the highrise market here in the city of Toronto, and with the October numbers hitting my inbox last week, I am happy to report that the 2,928 new condominium suites sold in the GTA that month make it the second best October on record.

This year's sales are second only to October 2010, which came at the heels of a remarkable surge in the highrise market, but the consistency that 2011 has provided when it comes to selling condos is worthwhile mentioning. Why? Because current year-to-date highrise sales of 23,747 set a new record for most highrise sales in one year — surpassing the 22,316 sales recorded in 2007.

This year saw the evolution of the market as highrise sales shifted more toward the 905 regions, particularly the last few months. Toronto used to dominate the GTA's condo market, but York Region is emerging as a serious contender for the crown, bringing in 1,020 units sold in October (a 142 per cent increase over 2010) against Toronto's 1,672 sales (down 37 per cent).

The boost in 905 sales has played a significant part in the highrise market's success this year, providing a good balance of sales throughout the GTA.

This is a result of some exciting projects build around future transportation corridors in Vaughan and surrounding areas. With competitive pricing, combined with low interest rates and growth opportunity, it seems like the trend to own a condo in the 905 is going to be here for a while.

Don't count the city of Toronto out just yet though.

With last week's announcement of Build Toronto's first partnership — with BILD member Tridel, resulting in the construction of a 75-storey tower by the waterfront – and with five more announcements to come before the end of the year, it's going to be an exciting few weeks for condo buyers.

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City's edge: A new look to the Waterfront

Toronto seems set to grow up again with a proposed 75-storey condo

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Toronto's skyline is about to change once again with a newly proposed 75-storey residential building at the foot of Toronto's financial district.

At a recent news conference, Tridel's president Leo DelZotto and Build Toronto CEO, Lorne Braithwaite, unveiled plans for a new partnership to develop one of the city's tallest condos at 10 York St.

It's an interesting arrangement, with Tridel, Canada's leading condominium developer as majority partner and project lead, and Build Toronto's first partnership as the city's independent and self-funding real estate developer, and owner of the property.

Build's mandate is to maximize the value of underutilized real estate previously owned by the City.

Tucked in between the Gardiner and Harbour Street, this small, triangular parcel of land is just 2.6 of an acre.

Jim Ritchie, VP of marketing for Tridel tells Metro that they "designed something that we thought fit with the site that we have in hand and in that particular location, and that density to us certainly does make sense."

The vacant site at 10 York St. was formerly leased to the Toronto Parking Authority for a pay parking lot, and to the Toronto Police Services for an impound lot.

Tall towers will change the future look of Toronto's skyline, with seven other buildings under construction.

"That whole area between our site, between what the Ice Towers are doing and then the further development proposals in the immediate area, that includes office and residential; they're all tall buildings," says Ritchie.

The $295-million development will be located in the desirable Harbourfront neighbourhood and bounded by the financial district.

The partnership has applied for 75 storeys and the floor plans and suite layouts are still being finalized.

Tridel and Build Toronto plan to seek the environmentally-friendly LEED certification.

Designed by Rudy Wallman of Wallman Architects, the 774-unit condominium will offer a sleek, contemporary tower.

"The single point tour with the 70 floors is 240 metres. The podium is triangular with the widest portion facing onto York Street," explains Ritchie.

The plans are to open access with an enhanced pedestrian space to help connect the downtown core to the waterfront.

The project is expected to launch in early 2012, and construction is expected to begin in 2013.

Available units will consist of studio units, one bedroom, one bedroom, plus den; two bedroom; two, plus den; and three-bedroom layouts.

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Q: After five years of marriage, my husband and I are parting ways. We have more or less decided that I would stay in the house with our trusty dog and that I would buy him out of his portion. What do I need to do?

A: The first step you will need to address is setting out your terms of separation in what is known as a separation agreement.

Most couples have this spelled out by their family law lawyers, however, it has been known in amicable situations that the parties come to terms on their own.

Regardless of how it is done, it is a good idea to put this in writing.

You will then need to approach your financial institution in order to apply for mortgage financing on your own.

Hopefully, you are given the ability to re-finance the property with funds left over so that you can pay your ex-husband (or soon to be) the equity that is due to him out of the new mortgage funds.

If the separation is not entirely adversarial, one real estate lawyer can be hired to deal with the transaction.

Otherwise, if the two of you want to kill each other, you may need two lawyers to act on each of your behalves.

This is a stressful and time-consuming process and you should engage a real estate lawyer who is familiar with separation agreements, dealing with parties who are often going through a very emotional time in their lives with a degree of compassion and understanding.

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Let your holiday table sparkle

How to keep your silver, crystal and china clean and shining

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This week I take a practical approach to decorating with cleanliness and shine; making sure that all your treasured tabletop and bar items look their very best after a long year of storage in the china cabinet.

With a bit of technology and a few old-fashioned tips, you can release your inner butler and create tabletops that sparkle, shine and gleam!

Cleaning:
For the little time that it takes to polish up your glass and metals, you'll sit at the table with pride as your guests compliment how great everything looks.

I like to set the table completely, then go around and polish everything one final time. I suggest sitting in each guest's chair to do the polishing at each setting — you'll be surprised at what you see from each guest's perspective.

Here's an old-time method to remove time-worn tarnish from your silver treasures: Line a plastic basin with aluminum foil, shiny side up.

Place the tarnished flatware inside. Make sure all pieces are contacting the foil. Sprinkle in a 1/4 cup of baking soda and pour in 16 cups of boiling water.

Stir and let the silver soak for 10 to 15 minutes. Remove the silver. Rinse, and buff with a clean, soft cloth.

Wear cotton gloves when setting the table; it's the simplest way to guarantee no fingerprints are left on dishes, cutlery and crystal.

Silver items that are stored out of sight can also be kept in Ziploc bags to stop tarnishing.

Wrapping silverware in dark blue tissue paper will also keep it from tarnishing (so says my grandmother).

Protecting:
There is nothing worse than going to set a table and discovering that one of the stacked dinner plates is cracked.

You no longer have a full set to use and you are without the proper amount of required table settings.

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▶ Give your table's bling a little love.

The best way to keep your dishes, silver, crystal and flatware protected is to care for them properly.

Do not stack more than eight china plates or bowls on top of another to avoid too much pressure on bottom plates.

Some home goods stores sell storage bags specifically designed to store china.

These are typically cloth or plastic bags, felt-lined and closed with zippers.

Sheets of felt can be purchased at fabric and craft stores, and placed between fine dishes to keep them protected.

Easy does it

When you stack, it is best to place a paper doily, or a rubber jar ring, between each plate to avoid scratching.

- **Lift:** If you do stack your china plates, lift them off when ready to use instead of sliding them out.
- **Line them up:** Do not stack fine china cups and do not hang cups from hooks or pegs. Place them on a shelf one by one in a row.
- **Pocket tricks:** If using foam pockets, place only one plate in each pocket.
- **Glass care:** If storing glasses in a box, stand them on end and place cut-up cardboard between wrapped glasses.
- **Normal temperatures:** Do not place china in a box in a cold basement or hot attic. Extreme temperatures can crack or craze fine china.

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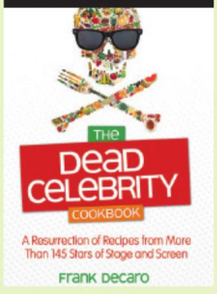

In his book The Dead Celebrity Cookbook: A Resurrection of Recipes by 150 Stars of Stage and Screen, Frank DeCaro puts long-gone stars in the spotlight once again.

Famous celeb's recipes were rescued for the book, including Elizabeth Taylor's Chicken with Avocado and Mushrooms, Frank Sinatra's Barbecued Lamb, Johnny Cash's Old Iron Pot Family-Style Chili and Katharine Hepburn's Brownies, among others.

Memories of warmer times

Chili Dogs, normally considered a summer treat, are remade for winter

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The recipe serves four.

Hot dogs tossed in a toasted bun and slathered with chili and shredded cheese tend to scream summer.

But because those flavours go so nicely together, they begged to be converted into a recipe that is better suited for fending off the chill of a winter night.

In converting the recipe, there was no reason to mess around too much with the hot dog or chili topping. Why ruin a good thing? Instead, the focus is on the starch. Roasted potatoes were the right flavour, but wrong texture. Mashed, however, were just right. The resulting recipe oozes comfort and warmth.

Winter Chili Dogs

Ingredients:

- 1 kg (2 pounds) Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 60 ml (4 tbsp or 1/2 stick) butter
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) milk
- Salt and black pepper
- 430 ml (15-ounce) can vegetarian baked beans
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) tomato paste
- 10 ml (2 tsp) cumin
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) paprika
- 5 ml (1 tsp) chili powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) cayenne pepper
- 4 hot dogs
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shredded cheddar cheese
- Sour cream, to serve
- Chopped pickled jalapeno slices and red onion

Preparation:

1. Place potatoes in pot and add enough water to cover. Bring to boil and cook 15 to 20 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Drain and return to pot. Add butter and milk, then mash until chunky smooth. Season with salt, pepper; set aside.
2. In saucepan over medium heat combine baked beans, tomato paste, cumin, smoked paprika, chili powder and cayenne. Simmer, cover and set aside.
3. Heat grill pan to medium-high. Add hot dogs and cook until heated through and browned on all sides, about 6 to 7 minutes.
4. To serve, divide mashed potatoes between 4 serving plates. Top each with a hot dog, then ladle beans and top with cheese, sour cream, jalapeños, red onion.

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November reign for B's

Win over Leafs means Bruins wrap up month without losing a game in regulation time

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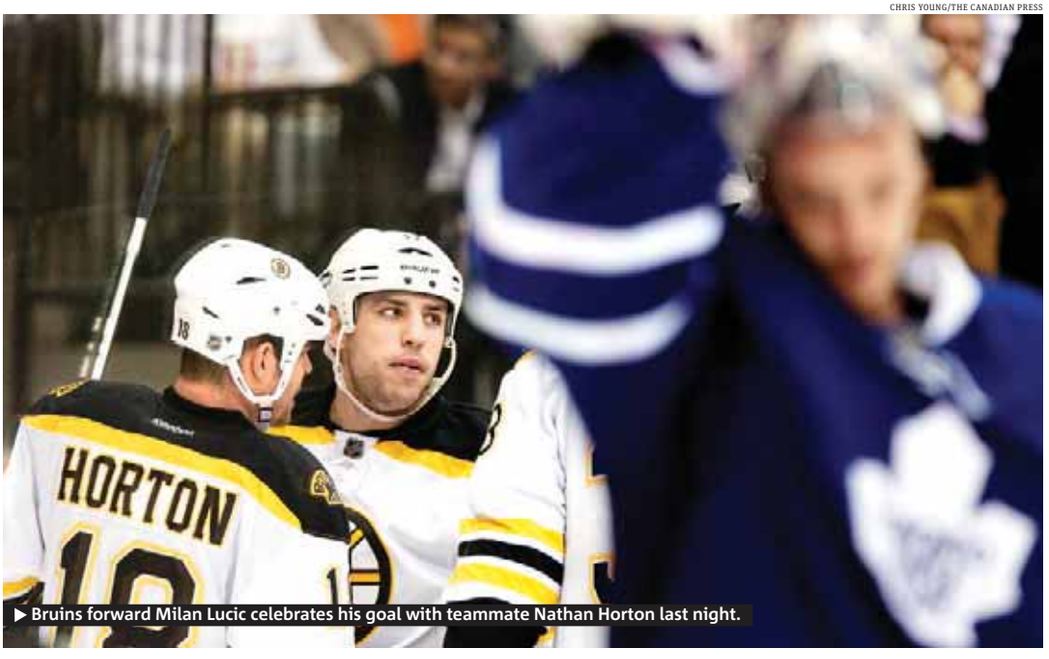

▶ Bruins forward Milan Lucic celebrates his goal with teammate Nathan Horton last night.

After putting the finishing touches on a near-perfect month, the Boston Bruins are looking like Stanley Cup favourites once again.

Milan Lucic scored twice and David Krejci added a goal and two assists last night as the Bruins beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-3 to retake first place in the Northeast Division.

It's been a remarkable turnaround for the defending champions after a slow start to the year. Boston finished November with a 12-0-1 record, making it the Original Six franchise's first month without a regulation loss since January 1969.

Tim Thomas continues to lead the way and picked up his ninth straight victory with a 34-save performance against the Maple Leafs.

Zdeno Chara, Benoit Pouliot and Brad Marchand had the other goals for Boston (15-7-1), which last lost in regulation on Oct. 29 in Montreal.

Mikhail Grabovski, Joffrey Lupul and Matt Frattin replied for Toronto (14-9-2).

The Leafs pushed the Bruins to their limit in the first of back-to-back meetings between teams hovering around the top of the Eastern Conference. They'll go at it again in Boston on Saturday night.

A game with plenty of pre-game hype managed to live up to its billing. The quick skating teams took turns mounting rushes during a first period that saw the Bruins hold a slight edge in possession and shots, 17-16.

But the score was 1-1 thanks to a pair of power-play goals.

Grabovski opened the scoring for Toronto at 7:29 after taking a perfect cross-ice pass from Clarke MacArthur and beating Thomas with a backhander on the rush. It was his sixth goal of the season.

Jonas Gustavsson had a strong showing early for the Maple Leafs but was finally beaten after an extended 5-on-3 man advantage. Boston used crisp cross-ice passes to blow the Leafs penalty kill apart before Lucic roofed a shot from the side of the net at 15:08 as the first penalty expired.

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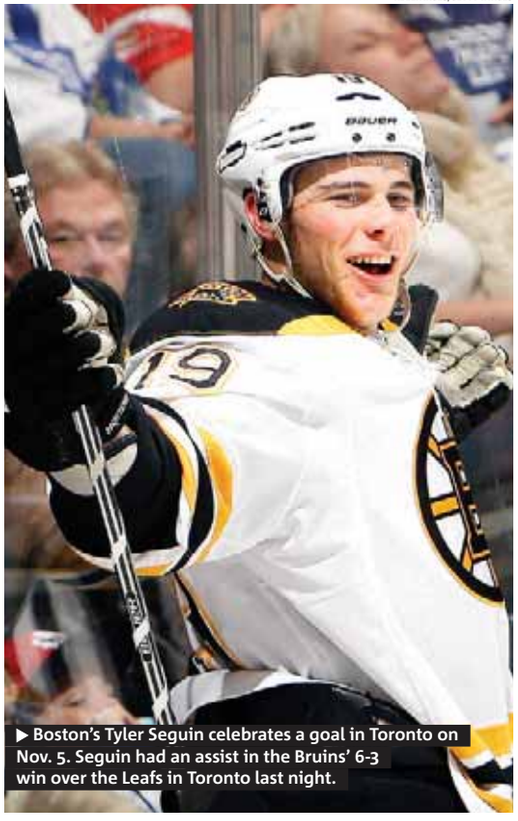

▶ Boston's Tyler Seguin celebrates a goal in Toronto on Nov. 5. Seguin had an assist in the Bruins' 6-3 win over the Leafs in Toronto last night.

'Sky's the limit' for Seguin

Bruins' teammate Kelly says 19-year-old is showing 'superstar' potential

The door opens for the dressing room of the NHL's hottest team and all of the cameras immediately gravitate to one player: Tyler Seguin.

It's just another morning availability in a road arena for the Boston Bruins forward, who appears to be on the verge of becoming the league's next big thing. Not only is Seguin piling up the points — he needed just 20 games to surpass his rookie total of a year ago — but he's started to draw a big crowd wherever he goes.

In fact, teammate Chris Kelly dropped the word "superstar" when answering a question about Seguin yesterday morning at Air Canada Centre.

Wait ... superstar?

"Yeah, I think so," said Kelly. "He's 19 years old. Most 19-year-old guys are playing junior hockey getting $50 a week. They're not being a consistent point producer in the NHL on a good hockey team (who) won a Stanley Cup.

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Tyler Seguin has 12 goals and 12 assists for 24 points in 23 games so far this season. Last year he had 11 goals and 11 assists in 74 games.

"The sky's the limit for him. I think it's in his hands how far he wants to go."

For his part, Seguin makes no secret of where he wants to end up. He carries the confidence of a big-time scorer and has been among the NHL leaders all season. He plans to remain there for years to come.

"I look at it as somewhere I want to be for sure," said Seguin.

Adding to the teenager's star appeal is a flair for the dramatic that all special players seem to enjoy. Recall Seguin's two-goal, four-point performance in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final against Tampa Bay last spring after he'd been a healthy scratch through the first two rounds. Or even that he registered his first career NHL hat trick on Hockey Night in Canada during Boston's visit to Toronto on Nov. 5.

Seguin is also bound to be followed closely because of the manner in which he entered the NHL. A debate raged for months about whether he or Taylor Hall should be selected No. 1 in the 2010 draft — and the fact he ended up going second overall with a pick Boston acquired from the Maple Leafs for Phil Kessel only added to the interest.

Yesterday morning, he expressed relief after getting through a media scrum in Toronto without being asked about Kessel.

"That is definitely a record," said Seguin. "I cannot believe it. That's why I want to get out right now."

Just as important as his 24 points is the league-leading plus-19 rating he's earned through 23 games.

But as his profile grows, Seguin can expect to see more attention from the opposition.

"I think right now being the leading scorer on our team, there's no doubt other teams are going to pay more attention to him," said coach Claude Julien.

"I have confidence in his personality and his demeanour and all that stuff that he can overcome that."

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d-Pittsburgh	25	14	7	2	2	80	63	32	8-1-2-0	6-6-0-2	5-4-1-0	L1
d-Boston	22	15	7	0	1	81	59	31	9-5-0-1	6-2-0-0	9-0-0-1	W2
d-Florida	24	13	7	1	3	67	60	30	5-2-1-3	8-5-0-0	6-3-1-0	W1
Toronto	24	14	9	1	1	82	81	30	6-4-1-1	8-5-0-0	5-4-0-1	L1
NY Rangers	21	13	5	1	2	60	45	29	7-1-0-1	6-4-1-1	8-2-0-0	W3
Philadelphia	23	13	7	2	1	82	68	29	6-4-1-1	7-3-1-0	6-3-1-0	L1
Buffalo	24	13	10	0	1	68	63	27	6-7-0-1	7-3-0-0	4-5-0-1	L1
Ottawa	24	12	10	1	1	75	83	26	6-4-0-1	6-6-1-0	5-3-1-1	W2
Washington	23	12	10	0	1	71	75	25	8-3-0-1	4-7-0-0	3-6-0-1	L3
New Jersey	22	12	9	0	1	57	58	25	5-4-0-1	7-5-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	24	11	11	0	2	65	76	24	7-3-0-0	4-8-0-2	4-6-0-0	L2
Montreal	24	10	10	2	2	61	60	24	4-5-2-2	6-5-0-0	4-3-2-1	L2
Winnipeg	24	9	11	3	1	70	80	22	5-4-0-0	4-7-3-1	4-4-2-0	L2
Carolina	26	8	14	2	2	61	86	20	5-7-0-2	3-7-2-0	3-7-0-0	L4
NY Islanders	22	7	11	3	1	43	69	18	5-6-2-0	2-5-1-1	3-5-2-0	W2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	23	15	7	1	0	69	51	31	10-2-1-0	5-5-0-0	8-2-0-0	W6
d-Minnesota	24	14	7	2	1	57	53	31	9-4-1-0	5-3-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
d-Phoenix	23	13	7	1	2	65	57	29	7-4-1-1	6-3-0-1	6-3-1-0	W2
Chicago	25	14	8	1	2	80	78	31	7-2-0-2	7-6-1-0	6-4-0-0	L1
St. Louis	24	14	8	0	2	59	50	30	8-2-0-1	6-6-0-1	7-1-0-2	W4
Vancouver	24	14	9	0	1	73	60	29	6-3-0-1	8-6-0-0	8-2-0-0	W5
Dallas	24	14	9	0	1	62	65	29	8-3-0-1	6-6-0-0	3-6-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	24	12	8	2	2	57	55	28	7-6-0-1	5-2-2-1	6-3-1-0	W1
San Jose	21	13	7	1	0	60	48	27	6-4-1-0	7-3-0-0	6-3-1-0	L2
Edmonton	24	12	10	0	2	65	60	26	6-3-0-1	6-7-0-1	3-7-0-0	L2
Nashville	24	11	9	3	1	60	63	26	4-3-2-1	7-6-1-0	4-4-2-0	L1
Calgary	23	10	12	1	0	51	60	21	5-5-1-0	5-7-0-0	4-6-0-0	W2
Colorado	24	10	13	1	0	62	73	21	4-9-0-0	6-4-1-0	3-7-0-0	L1
Anaheim	23	6	13	1	3	50	77	16	4-8-0-0	2-5-1-3	1-8-0-1	L7
Columbus	24	6	15	0	3	55	79	15	5-7-0-1	1-8-0-2	4-6-0-0	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 6 Toronto 3
Detroit 4 Tampa Bay 2
New Jersey at Colorado
Minnesota at Edmonton
Montreal at Anaheim
Tuesday's results
Calgary 1 Nashville 0
Ottawa 6 Winnipeg 4
Vancouver 4 Columbus 1
Florida 3 Carolina 1
N.Y. Islanders 2 Buffalo 1
N.Y. Rangers 4 Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 2 Washington 1
Phoenix 4 Chicago 1
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Florida at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Montreal at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Detroit at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

BRUINS 6, MAPLE LEAFS 3

First Period
1. Toronto, Grabovski 6 (MacArthur, Gunnarsson) 7:29 (pp)
2. Boston, Lucic 9 (Seguin, Chara) 15:08 (pp)
Penalties — Peverley Bos (high-sticking) 6:00, Seguin Bos (high-sticking) 12:11, Lupul Tor (boarding) 13:04, Gunnarsson Tor (holding) 13:47, Aulie Tor (goaltender interference) 18:32.
Second Period
3. Boston, Krejci 4 (Horton, Seidenberg) 3:33
4. Toronto, Lupul 12 (Kessel, Schenn) 7:00
5. Boston, Chara 5 (Krejci, Horton) 15:30
Penalty — MacArthur Tor (tripping) 16:12.
Third Period
6. Boston, Pouliot 3 (Corvo, Campbell) 3:03
7. Toronto, Frattin 2 (Crabb, Schenn) 6:00
8. Boston, Lucic 10 (Krejci) 15:21
9. Boston, Marchand 9 (Peverley) 19:08
Penalty — Gardiner Tor (tripping) 0:59.
Shots on goal

Boston	17	8	15	—40
Toronto	16	7	14	—37

Goal — Boston: Thomas (W,12-4-0); Toronto: Gustavsson (L,8-5-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Boston: 1-5; Toronto: 1-2.
Referees — Kelly Sutherland, Frederick L'Ecuyer. **Linesmen** — Greg Devorski, Steve Barton.
Attendance — 19,643 at Toronto.

RED WINGS 4, LIGHTNING 2

First Period
1. Detroit, Datsyuk 7 (Bertuzzi, Franzen) 4:58
2. Detroit, Ericsson 1 (V.Filppula) 11:04
Penalty — Stamkos TB (cross-checking) 18:37.
Second Period
3. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 7 (Purcell, Bergeron) 9:35 (pp)
4. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 16 (Gilroy, Lecavalier) 19:46
Penalties — Bertuzzi Det (unsportsmanlike conduct) 4:39, Ericsson Det (tripping) 8:09, Thompson TB (slashing) 10:28.
Third Period
5. Detroit, Holmstrom 4 (Lidstrom, Datsyuk) 4:22 (pp)
6. Detroit, Helm 3 (Kindl, Ericsson) 13:14
Penalties — Brunnstrom Det (goaltender interference) 0:23, Brewer TB (hooking) 4:13, Hudler Det (high-sticking) 10:35, Lecavalier TB (double high-sticking) 14:45.
Shots on goal

Tampa Bay	8	6	9	—23
Detroit	18	5	12	—35

Goal — Tampa Bay: Roloson (L,6-7-1); Detroit: Howard (W,14-5-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Tampa Bay: 1-4; Detroit: 1-5.
Attendance — 20,066 (20,066) at Detroit.

LATE TUESDAY

CANUCKS 4, BLUE JACKETS 1

First Period
1. Vancouver, D. Sedin 7 (Edler, Salo) 3:19
2. Vancouver, Booth 4 (Hamhuis, Higgins) 17:42
Penalty — Wisniewski Clb (interference) 8:53.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Alberts Vcr (delay-of-game) 5:33, Hansen Vcr (interference) 18:53.
Third Period
3. Columbus, Paulson 1 (Tyutin, Vermette) 4:27 (sh)
4. Vancouver, Kelser 5 (Burrows, D. Sedin) 5:55
5. Vancouver, Burrows 7 (Kesler, Bieksa) 19:17 (en)
Penalties — Nikitin Clb (holding) 3:51, D. Sedin Vcr (hooking) 9:58.
Shots on goal

Columbus	11	15	20	—48
Vancouver	11	11	12	—34

Goal — Columbus: Sanford (L,3-2-2); Vancouver: Schneider (W,7-4-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Columbus: 0-3; Vancouver: 0-2.
Attendance — 18,860 at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kessel, Tor	16	15	31
Giroux, Pha	13	16	29
Lupul, Tor	11	18	29
Vanek, Buf	12	15	27
D.Sedin, Vcr	7	20	27
Versteeg, Fla	12	14	26
Pominville, Buf	9	17	26
Backstrom, Wash	8	18	26
Stamkos, TB	15	10	25
Neal, Pgh	14	11	25
Toews, Chi	13	12	25
Nugent-Hopkins, Edm	10	15	25
Smyth, Edm	12	12	24
Fleischmann, Fla	11	13	24
Kopitar, LA	10	14	24
Ma.Hossa, Chi	9	15	24
Eberle, Edm	8	16	24
H.Sedin, Vcr	8	16	24
P.Kane, Chi	7	17	24
Seguin, Bos	12	11	23
Sharp, Chi	11	12	23
Spezza, Ott	9	14	23

Last night's games not included

HOCKEY

AHL

Last night's results
Adirondack 4 Syracuse 3
Charlotte 3 Texas 2
Houston 2 Lake Erie 1
Tuesday's results
Milwaukee 8 Abbotsford 3
Grand Rapids 4 Toronto 3 (OT)
Connecticut 4 Hershey 2
Norfolk 5 Wilkes-Barre/Scranton 2
Tomorrow's games
All times Eastern
Bridgeport at Albany, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
Manchester at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Connecticut at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Portland at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
St. John's at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Adirondack at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
Hershey at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.
Springfield at Worcester, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Peoria at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Lake Erie at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Abbotsford at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Houston at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Binghamton at Worcester, 7 p.m.
Albany at Bridgeport, 7 p.m.
Texas at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Hamilton, 7 p.m.
Portland at Hershey, 7 p.m.
Providence at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Springfield, 7 p.m.
Adirondack at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Peoria, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Abbotsford at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.

SOCCER

Yesterday's results
(Home teams listed first)

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP
Quarter-finals
Manchester United 1 Crystal Palace 2 (OT)

EUROPA LEAGUE

Group A
Rubin Kazan (Rus.) 4 Shamrock Rovers (Ire.) 1
Tottenham (Eng.) 1 PAOK Thessaloniki (Gre.) 2
Group B
Standard Liege (Belg.) 2 Hannover (Germ.) 0
Vorskla Poltava (Ukr.) 1 FC Copenhagen (Den.) 1
Group C
Legia Warsaw (Pol.) 0 PSV Eindhoven (Neth.) 3
Rapid Bucharest (Rom.) 1 Hapoel Tel Aviv (Isr.) 3
Group G
Malmo (Sweden) 0 AZ Alkmaar (Neth.) 0
Metalist Kharkiv (Ukr.) 4 Austria Vienna (Aus.) 1
Group H
Braga (Port.) 1 Birmingham City (England) 0
Maribor (Slovenia) 3 FC Bruges (Belgium) 4
Group I
Celtic (Scotland) 0 Atletico Madrid (Spain) 1
Rennes (France) 0 Udinese (Italy) 0

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	3	0	.727	331	223
N.Y. Jets	6	5	0	.545	256	241
Buffalo	5	6	0	.455	261	281
Miami	3	8	0	.273	212	206

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	8	3	0	.727	293	179
Tennessee	6	5	0	.545	226	212
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	138	200
Indianapolis	0	11	0	.000	150	327

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	3	0	.727	272	182
Pittsburgh	8	3	0	.727	233	188
Cincinnati	7	4	0	.636	259	215
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	165	216

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	7	4	0	.636	260	274
Denver	6	5	0	.545	221	260
Kansas City	4	7	0	.364	153	265
San Diego	4	7	0	.364	249	275

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	4	0	.636	270	225
N.Y. Giants	6	5	0	.545	252	277
Philadelphia	4	7	0	.364	257	251
Washington	4	7	0	.364	183	222

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	362	252
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	259	227
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	199	291
Carolina	3	8	0	.273	252	305

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	11	0	0	1.000	382	227
Chicago	7	4	0	.636	288	232
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	316	246
Minnesota	2	9	0	.182	214	295

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	9	2	0	.818	262	161
Seattle	4	7	0	.364	185	232
Arizona	4	7	0	.364	213	256
St. Louis	2	9	0	.182	140	270

WEEK 13
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Philadelphia at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
Kansas City at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 1 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Washington, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Miami, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
San Diego at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON — Named Bobby Valentine manager.
CHICAGO — Named Marco Paddy special assistant to the general manager/internal operations.
DETROIT — Agreed to terms with INF Ramon Santiago on a two-year contract.
KANSAS CITY— Added RHP Jonathan Broxton to the 40-man roster. Designated INF Jeff Bianchi for assignment.
TAMPA BAY — Promoted Stan Boroski to bullpen coach, Chaim Bloom and Erik Neander to director of baseball operations and James Click to director of baseball research and development.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO — Agreed to terms with OF David DeJesus on a two-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA — Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Elarton, INF Kevin Frandsen, C Tuffy Gosewisch, LHP Pat Misch, INF Pete Orr, OF Scott Podsednik, RHP Brian Sanches and LHP Raul Valdes on minor league contracts.
PITTSBURGH — Agreed to terms with 1B/OF Nick Evans on a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL

NFL
BUFFALO — Placed DT Torell Troup on injured reserve. Signed DE Lionel Dotson from the practice squad. Signed LB Robert Eddins to the practice squad.
CHICAGO — Signed LB Thaddeus Gibson to the practice squad.
DETROIT — Signed DL Keyunta Dawson. Signed WR Marcus Harris to the practice squad. Placed WR Nate Hughes on practice squad injured reserve.
JACKSONVILLE — Placed S Courtney Greene on injured reserve. Waived WR Jason Hill. Signed CB Morgan Trent. Signed RB DuJuan Harris from the practice squad. Fired receivers coach Johnny Cox. Moved quarterbacks coach Mike Sheppard to receivers coach. Announced offensive co-ordinator Dirk Koetter will also serve as quarterbacks coach.
KANSAS CITY— Signed OL Rob Bruggeman & WR Zeke Markshausen to the practice squad.
MIAMI — Re-signed DT Ryan Baker & G Ray Feinga. Waived PK Shayne Graham & DT Igor Olshansky.
NEW ENGLAND — Signed DB Nate Jones.
N.Y. GIANTS — Signed LB Chase Blackburn. Placed OT Will Beatty on injured reserve. Signed WR Isaiah Stanback to practice squad. Terminated practice-squad contract of QB Ryan Perrilloux.
SAN DIEGO — Placed OT Marcus NcNeill on injured reserve. Signed Jared Gaither off waivers from Kansas City.
WASHINGTON — Signed CB Brandyn Thompson. Waived CB Domonique Johnson.

HOCKEY

NHL
NEW JERSEY — Announced C Brad Mills cleared waivers & was assigned to Albany (AHL).
TAMPA BAY — Re-signed D Victor Hedman to a five-year contract.
WINNIPEG — Recalled F Carl Klingberg from St. John's (AHL).

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Missing Grey Cup costs Ticats coach

Bellefeuille fired after taking Tabbies to East final GM says new voice needed 'to take us to the next level'

Tiger-Cats coach Marcel Bellefeuille paid the price yesterday for falling one game short of the Grey Cup.

"We've had three years trying to get to the point where we could have a winning organization, a winning football team, and getting to where we want to be which is in the Grey Cup," Hamilton general manager Bob O'Billovich said after firing Bellefeuille.

"Moving forward we feel we have to make this kind of decision in order to do that."

The firing comes less than two weeks after the 8-10 Ticats came up short in the East Division final against Winnipeg.

It was also one of several moves on a busy day around the league.

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers dumped offensive co-ordinator Jamie Barresi three days after losing the Grey Cup to the B.C. Lions.

And the Toronto Argonauts appeared to have hired Stampeders defensive co-ordinator Chris Jones.

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▶ Marcel Bellefeuille speaks with Kevin Glenn, left, and Quinton Porter during the East final in Montreal Nov. 15. Bellfeuille was fired by the Ticats yesterday.

9-9

Marcel Bellefeuille was nominated for the CFL coach of the year after leading the Ticats to a 9-9 record in his first full season as head coach in 2009.

Calgary coach John Hufnagel announced the news before the Argos issued a statement later in the day saying that was not so.

Bellefeuille guided the Ticats to a third-place finish in the East Division this season. Hamilton upset the Montreal Alouettes in the East semifinal before falling 19-3 to the Bombers with a berth in the Grey Cup game on the line.

Bellefeuille, who joined the team as an offensive co-ordinator in December 2007, was named head coach in September 2008.

O'Billovich admitted he agonized before coming to a decision with club officials yesterday afternoon.

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NBA returns focus to basketball

With free agency talk heating up and players set to return, attention shifts from courtroom to hardcourt

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▶ LeBron James, left, and Dwayne Wade watch a college basketball game on Tuesday.

These are the kinds of negotiations NBA fans have been waiting for.

Teams began talking to agents yesterday as the lockout inched closer to its end, and basketball moved back into focus. Dwight Howard and Chris Paul were linked to trade speculation, while free agents such as Tyson Chandler and Nene were in the news after months of attorneys getting all the ink.

Now, the players are taking over and the league was set to reopen its facilities for workouts today.

Some may arrive out of shape, just as was the case in January 1999 after the NBA's only other shortened season. But they're anxious to get back, with a little more than three weeks until they start playing games.

"The guys are going to come in and I'm sure they're going to be in good shape. They want to play," new Houston coach Kevin McHale told reporters.

"These guys have played basketball their entire lives. They love to play basketball and they're excited to get after it."

The league still hopes to open training camps and free agency next Friday, leaving both sides scrambling to get business finished in time.

The lawsuits have been settled, contingent upon the ratification of a new collective bargaining agreement by Dec. 9. Players are in the process of collecting the signatures needed to approve the reformation of the union, which must be done before the sides can resume bargaining on the remaining issues that must be settled before each side can vote.

NBA officials are working to complete a two-game exhibition schedule for each team that will lead to a 66-game regular season, starting with a five-game slate on Christmas.

Philadelphia 76ers president Rod Thorn was working in the league office during the last lockout and knows how much work it will take to stay on the schedule commissioner David Stern revealed after reaching a tentative agreement with the players early last Saturday.

"I definitely remember that time and how hectic it was on the NBA side," Thorn said. "If you think it was hectic over here, it was really hectic on that side."

Trying to make the process smoother, the NBA agreed to allow players to re-enter the buildings today. Coaches aren't allowed, but players can meet with the teams' training personnel and conduct unsupervised workouts.

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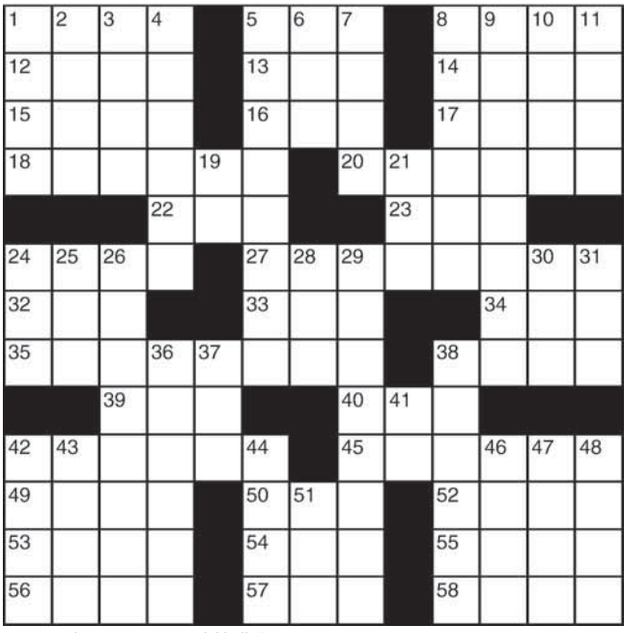

Across
1 Practice boxing
5 Has permission
8 Suspend
12 Mah-jongg piece
13 Yoko of music
14 By word of mouth
15 Surmounting
16 Kvetch
17 Shrek is one
18 Fancy French cake
20 Offer as an example
22 $ dispenser
23 Comic DeLuise
24 Light bulb measure
27 Lengthwise and contiguous
32 Hearty quaff
33 "The Matrix" role
34 "There's — in team"
35 Huge
38 Norms (Abbr.)
39 GIs' entertainers
40 Work with
42 "The — of the Shrew"
45 Finicky cat in TV ads
49 Eye layer
50 Gorilla
52 Facility
53 German city
54 PC linking system
55 Cleo's river
56 Picnic invaders
57 "Guinness Book" suffix
58 Paradise

Down
1 Unescorted
2 Pocket bread
3 Greatly
4 Echo
5 Memorial building
6 Literary collection
7 Quiet exercise
8 Jinx
9 Fight
10 DEA worker
11 Jane Lynch's show
19 What @ means
21 Banned pesticide
24 Humorist
25 — Baba
26 Enveloping membrane
28 Verdi's "— giardin del bello"
29 Paper
30 Affirmative action?
31 Insult (Sl.)
36 Easterners
37 "Smoking or —?"
38 Tranquil
41 Therefore
42 Big brass
43 Shakespeare's river
44 Strong wind
46 Incursion
47 Wight or Man
48 Witnessed
51 — de deux

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

		6					1	
7	4						3	2
		5	7			9	8	
5				8	2		6	
				7				
	8		5	4				3
	9	3			1	4		
8	5						9	6
	2					3		

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	7	4	3	9	2	5	8	6
6	3	9	4	8	5	1	7	2
8	2	5	6	7	1	3	4	9
7	1	3	2	4	8	6	9	5
5	4	6	9	1	7	2	3	8
9	8	2	5	6	3	4	1	7
3	9	1	7	5	6	8	2	4
2	5	7	8	3	4	9	6	1
4	6	8	1	2	9	7	5	3

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If others try tell you that you will achieve more in the long-term by backing off, don't listen to them.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Keep a sense of perspective today, especially when large sums of money could be up for grabs.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Others will be very demanding over the next 24 hours. If you know what's good for you, do as they say.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you are unhappy with certain aspects of your life, especially work, now is the time to do something about it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may have to postpone something you have been looking forward to, but you have promises to keep.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you have been taking too much for granted on the home front, today will bring you back to earth.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Today, you will discover someone has deceived you. The signs were there from the beginning.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Something that has been nagging at your mind for ages will suddenly make perfect sense.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may need to talk tough with someone today. Let your charm smooth off the rough edges.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You've worked hard and are wondering when you will see a reward. Don't be so impatient. It'll come.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You will be proved right today. Don't make the person who was wrong feel small. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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